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SPORTS

Vikings defeat Elks 3-2 in LMC showdown



Grayling High School's varsity boys soccer team won both of its games last week – including a 3-2 conference victory in a night game vs. the visiting Elk Rapids Elks on Wednesday – to push its current winning streak to six games.

On Wednesday, the Vikings hosted Elk Rapids for a Lake Michigan Conference showdown in a contest played under the lights at Viking Stadium.

"We passed the ball well and took advantage of our opportunities," Coach Craig Cobb said. "We had a great effort from everyone on the field. We have fought hard to get to this point." **12A**

GHS wins 50-13 in football game at East Jordan



Grayling forced four turnovers and scored 50 points – nearly doubling its 52-point combined output from the team's previous three games – during last Friday's varsity football victory vs. the Red Devils at East Jordan. The win improved Grayling's conference record to 2-0.

Quarterback Zach Wolcott threw for 411 yards and three touchdowns. Cody Myers caught eight passes for 186 yards and two touchdowns. Tyler Hanson, who rushed for 108 yards and four TDs, also caught 12 passes for 168 yards. Tyler Brigham had seven receptions for 52 yards and one TD.

"We definitely executed better on offense this week," Coach Tim Sanchez said. **13A**

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Brass and Gas Club rolls through Grayling

The Brass and Gas Chapter of the Veteran Motor Car Club of America took a tour through the Grayling area last Thursday. Cars in the club were manufactured before 1912. A total of 47 cars went on the club's fall tour this year with participants coming from throughout the United States and as far away as the Netherlands. The oldest car on the tour was built in 1906. Sue Neller, co-chairwoman for the fall car tour, said the club aims to visit historic locations where the cars in the club would have been used. The club had a stop at the Camp Grayling's historic Officer's Club, which was built in 1917. Lumber baron Rasmus Hanson donated 13,760 acres of land to the state for Camp Grayling for military training, in 1913. The car tour also made a lunch stop at Wellington Farm, USA, where visitors experienced farm life as it was in 1932 during the Great Depression. Above, Randy and Margaret Melville of Fenton are pictured in their 1910 Buick at Wellington Farm, USA. Below, Laura, John and Andy Rosenberger (back) and Paul and Joan Rosenberger, of Fund du Lac, Wis. represented three generations of family that went on the tour in their 1909 Kissel Kar.

Photos by Dan Sanderson



Charlie F. Fick receives 33rd Degree Scottish Rite Mason honor for service

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Staff Writer

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The 33rd Degree is awarded for outstanding achievement within the Masonic fraternity or for contributions to others and to humanity reflecting credit upon Freemasonry. Freemasons from throughout the world and the United States attended the ceremony.

"It's significant honor for anyone to receive this degree," said Dick Curtis, spokesperson for the Northern Jurisdiction of the Scottish Rite Supreme Council based in Lexington, Mass. "He's among a select few to

receive this honor."

Freemasonry is a fraternal organization, which dates back to the late 16th and early 17th century. Members of the organization share moral and metaphysical ideals, including a constitutional belief in a Supreme Being.

There is evidence to suggest that there were some Masonic Lodges in existence in Scotland as early as the late 16th Century.

The First Grand Lodge of England was founded in 1717, but members separated as "Ancient" and "Modern" Lodges based on the different beliefs of the members.

The Grand Lodge of Ireland was formed in 1725 and the Grand Lodge of Scotland was formed in 1736.

Spin-offs of all of the lodges were brought to North America by the 1720s. After the Revolutionary War, independent U.S. Grand Lodges were formed in each state. Some thought was given to organizing a Grand Lodge of the United States, with President George Washington as the first Grand Master, but the idea was short lived. Several authors of the Declaration of Independence and U.S. Presidents over the years have been Freemasons.

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County seeks arbitration to end impasse with deputies

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Staff Writer

Contract negotiations between the Crawford County Board of Commissioners and the Crawford County Sheriff's Deputies union have been placed in the custody of state arbitrators.

The Crawford County Board of Commissioners recently requested the state's Employment Relations Commission for an arbitration hearing to end a yearlong impasse with Crawford County Sheriff's Deputies union. The hearing was requested under Act 312 of 1969, more commonly known as the Compulsory Arbitration of Labor Disputes in Police and Fire Department. The state policy prohibits police, firefighters and emergency responders from going on strike when contracts can't be negotiated at the bargaining table.

County Commissioner Mike Lange, chairman of the county's ways and means committee, said the sticking points in negotiations remain co-pays and premiums deputies are being asked to pay for health insurance coverage.

In addition, the county is also seeking to reduce the number of years that retired sheriff's deputies are offered retirement health care coverage. Lange said that recent changes in governmental accounting procedures require the county to budget for unfunded liability, which includes benefits for current and future retired employees.

Lange said that this has resulted in the county budgeting for costs pledged by previous boards, when the current economic downturn was not taken into consideration. Retirement health care coverage was made available in past contracts with sheriff's deputies until they reach age 65 and are eligible for Medicare.

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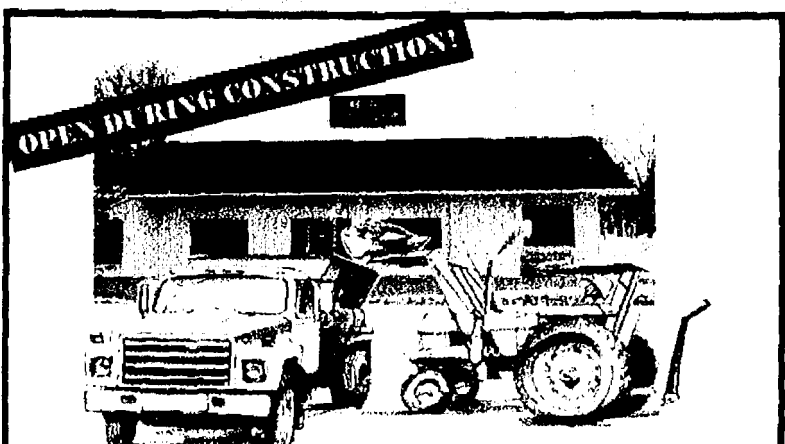
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Seniors attend Fraud Fest



The Crawford County Commission on Aging, the Fraternal Order of Police, AuSable Lodge and the Region Nine Area on Aging held their fifth annual Fraud Fest at the Grayling Senior Center on Thursday. Sixty-five seniors attended the program. Jane Anderson, a U.S. Postal Inspector from Grand Rapids, shared information on the top-10 mail fraud scams that the postal service is currently addressing. Grayling City Police Officer Tim Coe presented information to seniors on how to deal with telemarketers, door-to-door salespeople and who to contact in emergency and non-emergency suspicious situations. Crawford County Sheriff Kirk Wakefield highlighted scams, fraud and crimes that have been reported in Crawford County. Finally, Donald Sears, of Safeguard Services, a company contracted to investigate Medicare scams, was on hand to discuss fraud and complaints associated with seniors and Medicare Advantage and prescription drug plans. Above, Officer Coe presents information to seniors.

Photo by Dan Sanderson

Food Bank will open in Frederic

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

The Food Bank of Eastern Michigan will soon begin offering residents of Crawford County basic foods to supplement their weekly groceries during these challenging economic times.

The motto of the Food Bank of Eastern Michigan is: "Changing the Face of Hunger" and describes its mission in 22 counties in Michigan, which ranks very high nationally using a variety of economic indicators demonstrating the need for assistance to impoverished families.

The Food Bank will begin offering its services to Crawford County residents at the former Frederic Elementary School building on Monday, Oct. 5.

Maggie Wheeler, program director for the Food Bank of Eastern Michigan based in Flint, is excited to have found a new home for the Food Bank. Recognizing the good work already established in Grayling through the Crawford County Community Christian Help Center, Wheeler believes the location in Frederic will help to balance and enhance the county's efforts to assist the needy.

Unlike the Crawford County Community Christian Help Center, which is available to all county residents, the Food Bank in Frederic will target two large populations in the

county: families who have children enrolled in the Grayling Elementary School or have children in any of the county's Head Start classes.

Clyde Holzbauer, social worker at Grayling Elementary School, volunteered to direct the Food Bank services in Frederic and will be coordinating the program's efforts to assist families determined to be eligible for assistance.

"My position at the Grayling Elementary School will allow me to coordinate the efforts of the Food Bank with the needs of our students' families," Holzbauer said. "It is my hope that a successful pilot program targeting these families will lead to a future expansion of services that will become increasingly inclusive of all families within our school district."

Families with children attending Head Start or families with Grayling Elementary Students who are interested in participating in the program can call Holzbauer at 344-3624 or can leave a message with their children's school secretary. Holzbauer will then contact the families to relay further information on how they can register for assistance as well as answer any questions they may have about the Food Bank program.

Registration can also be completed on site when the Food Bank opens between 4 p.m. and 6 p.m. on Oct. 5.

Harvest Fest slated for first full fall weekend in October

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Harvest Festival will also feature working farm equipment displays, including a shingle mill, a corn sheller, a sawmill and a hay thrasher. The displays will be on the Crawford County Courthouse property and between Burton Court and the railroad tracks.

"It will be a genuine historical presentation of how things were done back in the day," Thayer said.

A small petting zoo will be available for children and hayrides will be offered to take people throughout town and to other events taking place in the community all day each day for Harvest Fest.

"That was a big hit last year," Thayer said.

The Grayling Promotional Association

will be holding its annual Arts and Crafts Fair from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday at the Grayling Elementary School.

The Crawford County Historical Museum will be holding its second annual model train display from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Grayling Middle School on Saturday and Sunday. The Crawford County Historical Museum will also be open to allow local residents and visitors to view the community's artifacts and historical displays.

Finally, the Watershed Art Project will be preparing for its second annual Mystery Mural painting from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday. Tables and art coaches will be set up in front of the Winner's Circle Art Gallery and tiles will be available for up and coming Grayling area artists to paint. The Watershed Art Project is seeking a \$5 donation from each participant who paints a tile for the mural. Donations will be used to support future Watershed Art Project events.

Last year, the Watershed Art Project featured a painting done by Kim Diment, an internationally known wildlife artist who lives in Grayling, of a Kirtland's Warbler. Several artists, partners and art patrons contributed to the 12-foot by 12-foot Mystery Mural, which was framed and hung on the Sounds and Signals building in downtown Grayling.

J. Dap Co. will feature this year's Mystery Mural masterpiece, a five-foot by eight-foot painting, which will be framed and hung on the side of their building. The unveiling of the Mystery Mural will be held on Saturday, Nov. 21 during the community's annual Christmas Walk. The Watershed Art Project will be sponsoring an evening of entertainment by "Folk n' Fingers" featuring J.B. Davies and Dan House.

The Harvest Fest committee hopes to create a busy weekend in Grayling and provide family fun for all involved.

"We hope to generate some fall traffic for the downtown merchants and give visitors, tourists and people who live here something to do," Thayer said.

For event and participation information, people are encouraged to contact Harvest Fest Committee Chairman and Grayling City Council Member Tom Wellman at (989) 889-5346.

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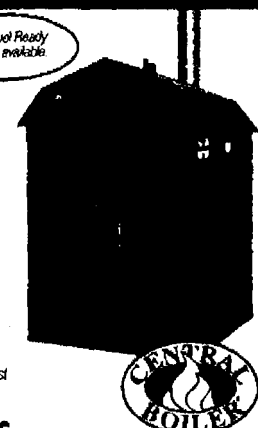
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There are over five million Masons involved in the brotherhood in countries located across the globe.

Fick was born in Swartz Creek on July 1935. His parents, Frances and John Fick, were farmers. Charlie graduated from Swartz Creek High School and then attended Michigan State University.

Fick married his wife and sweetheart, Marilyn LaGuire on May 21, 1955. The couple has two sons, two daughters and seven grown grandchildren.

Fick worked for Fisher Body for four and 1/2 years before going into the oil business in 1958. He initially worked out of the Flint terminal.

Fick's involvement with the Freemasonry dates back to 1962, when he joined the Masonic Lodge in Swartz Creek. While there, he started a Demolay Chapter, a Masonic organization dedicated to building moral character of high school students as a dad advisor.

In August 1964, Fick brought 29 boys from the chapter to Grayling for a canoe trip. A few months later, he moved his family and business to Grayling. The Swartz Creek Demolay Chapter lasted 30 years and grew to having over 100 members.

Fick served as Master of the Grayling Lodge #356 in 1972. He then joined the Ancient Accepted Order of the Scottish Rite 32nd Degree Masons for the Valley of Bay City on May 10, 1975. Ten days later, he was selected to part of Shrine Elf Khurafah.

Until recent changes in Freemasonry, Fick said he could have joined a Blue Lodge - a local Masonic Lodge - and a valley or consistory - which covers a region, in 1962. Under current rules, new members can be declared Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite 32nd Degree Masons after obtaining the first three degrees in the brotherhood. Fick said he went 13 years being ineligible to become a Shrine member since Freemason reunions were four-days long and he did not believe he could spend the extra day for induction because he was the only employee for his company.

"Sometimes they refer to the Shrine as the playground of Masonry with our little motor bikes and etc., but our main goal is to support the 22 Shrine hospitals in the United States, Canada and Mexico," said Robert Young, a member of the Grayling Masonic Lodge #356. "The care in these hospitals is free for anyone, regardless of their parent's income, at no cost up to the age of 18. It's costing today, \$2 million a day, to support the 22 Shriners Hospitals."

Fick started Fick and Sons, Inc. to provide gasoline, heating fuel and diesel fuel to the surrounding area and Camp Grayling over 50 years ago. Today, the company has eight divisions, 18 delivery trucks, nine transport trucks and trailers and a fleet of 19 pick-ups and vans. It sells 12 million gallons of gasoline a year, 12 million gallons of diesel fuel annually and some 12 million gallons of propane per year. The company has a workforce of 72 employees.

In the early 1990s, Fick built the Super 8 Motel, located off of Four Mile Road. In 1995, Fick realized a dream by building his own truck stop, Charlie's Country Corners, featuring an Arby's Restaurant, a Marathon Gas Station and Cat Weigh Station scales for truckers.

Fick is involved in virtually every aspect of his business, ranging from fixing plumbing in rooms at the Super 8, doing banking for the company, driving trucks and emptying trash barrels.

"He's a hard worker and he never stops, Young said. "Just to prove that, he's on his second set of artificial knees."

Fick held truck shows at Charlie's Country Corners from 2000 to 2004. All proceeds from the truck shows

went to support local charities and organizations including Hanson Hills, the Crawford County Community Christian Help Center, the Crawford County Habitat for Humanity, the Grayling Fire Department and the Crawford County Devereaux Memorial Library. The Chicago Shriners Hospital received a \$12,500 from one of the truck shows.

In addition, Fick has donated 38 gallons of blood to the American Red Cross and has supported its blood drives. Fick and Sons, Inc. sponsors the annual MDA Golf Outing at the Grayling Country Club. Fick was honored as the Citizen of the Year in Grayling in 1980, and is a 40-year member of the Grayling Kiwanis Club.

Fick is also active in the Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church, and helps to assist seniors while he and Marilyn winter in Florida each year.

"No matter what it is, he's there helping them," Young said. "His generosity knows no boundaries."

While building his business and supporting the Grayling community, Fick devoted his time, talent and dedication to the Masonic brotherhood. He is a member of the Bay City, Grand Rapids, and Traverse City Valleys of the Ancient Accepted Rite of 32nd Degree Masons. The Traverse City Valley focuses on sending one dyslexic child to a Learning Center in Bay City for educational assistance. Fick hopes to eventually support the training of a local teacher to help children with dyslexia.

"They can get as far as high school, but can only do third grade reading," Fick said. "In six months to a year, these teachers can help turn that around."

Fick is also active in the Shrine Mini-Cycle parade unit, is Director of the Sixth Degree Lodge for the Grayling's Masonic Lodge #356, which includes all

past lodge masters. He heads up the Masonic Lodge's monthly country breakfast and coordinates the Shrine newspaper-recycling project, done in conjunction with the Crawford County Avalanche and other newspaper recyclers. He has also been involved in the Order of the Eastern Stars Lodge #83, a Masonic organization for men and women, for over 44 years.

In 1996, Fick was awarded a Meritorious Service Award for singing over 50 candidates to become part of Masonic Fraternity. He is one of four men in over 40 years to achieve that feat.

"I didn't purposely do it," he said. "I just wanted to encourage my fellow men to become a 32nd Degree Mason."

Fick has given out over 23,000 Masonic cards to people he has helped, which identifies himself a Mason, asks the person to do a good deed for others in return and encourages the man of the household to consider becoming a Mason.

Fick said he was humbled to be among one of 110 Masons from the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction and six men from Michigan to be chosen from the 5,000 eligible candidates to be honored to serve as 33rd Degree Scottish Rite Mason.

"It's an honor," Fick said. "You can't ask for it, you can't buy it and you don't have a vote for it," he said. "The Michigan deputy selects the candidates based on the good things that you have done. It's like any other organization, you only get out of it what you put into it."

The Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite 32nd Degree Masons Valley of Traverse City has named its fall reunion after Charles. F. Fick. The event will be held on Saturday, Oct. 3, at the Grayling Lodge #356. Freemason candidates inducted at the reunion will be accepted as the Charles F. Fick Fall Consistory Class.

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County seeks arbitration to end impasse with deputies

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"We're trying to bring those costs in line with the general public," Lange said.

Pat Spidell, business representative for the Police Officer's Association of Michigan, which represents the Crawford County Deputies union, said that the union has worked to cut health care costs with the county over the last 20 years.

Before 1988, Spidell said that deputies conceded to having reduced retiree health care benefits. After 1988, the union agreed to have one person covered by the insurance pact instead of having couples provided retirement health care benefits. In 2000, Spidell said the union agreed to having newly hired sheriff's deputies guaranteed a stipend to be put into a medical savings account for their retirement.

Since there are eight to nine sheriff's deputies eligible for the benefits still working or retired, Spidell said the reduction in health insurance and retirement health insurance is unacceptable.

"The employer has a couple of issues on the table that are kind of a bitter pill for the employees to swallow all at one time," Spidell said.

Under Act 312, a selection of an impartial arbitrator or chairman of an arbitration panel is made. The rest of the panel is made up of candidates from the Employment Relations Commission.

Proceedings are informal and arbitration hearings are concluded within 30 days after the first testimony is heard and evidence is submitted to the panel.

Factors considered include: lawful authority of

the employer; stipulations of the parties; the interest and welfare of the public and the financial ability of the unit of government to meet those costs; comparison of the wages, hours and conditions of employment of employees involved in the arbitration proceedings compared to similar employees doing the same work and other employees in general; and comparisons to public employment in comparable communities.

Arbitrators may remand

negotiations back for collective bargaining for a period of three weeks.

Offers, findings, opinions and orders made within 30 days after conclusion of the arbitration hearings are enforceable in Circuit Court.

Lange said he is hopeful that an agreement can be reached with the deputies outside of arbitration.

"We're still trying to hammer out a deal, and we're trying to work out a contract with the deputies," Lange said.

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Almanack

by Richard Milliman

Michigan may face budgetary déjà vu



IF WHAT'S GOING on around the state capitol seems familiar, it could be budgetary déjà vu for state government, all over again.

With only a week or so to find agreement on a state budget for the 2009-10 state fiscal year beginning Oct. 1, fear of another year-end government shutdown persists, just as it did two years ago.

In 1907, the state actually was without an adopted budget as October business began, but only until about noon on Oct. 1. After all-night negotiating between the warring parties, the governor and legislature reluctantly agreed to extend the existing budget for another 30 days, and promised to work out things before November began.

The deal involved hiking the personal income tax and extending the sales tax to a bunch of services, while our leaders decided which state services to cut to make the outgo equal the income.

These taxes eventually were altered severely before

the year was out, but by noon on Oct. 1, 2007, the crisis was solved, at least temporarily, and by October's end after additional sweating and puttering, the whole package came together.

IT COULD HAPPEN very much the same way again.

The key players are the same: The same governor and lieutenant governor, Democrats Jennifer Granholm and John Cherry; the same Republican-controlled state senate led by Sen. Mike Bishop; the same Democratic controlled House under Speaker Andy Dillon.

The problems are the same: Not enough income to pay for everything the state wants to do... or conversely, the state wants to do more than with the dwindling income will pay for.

The eventual and inevitable solutions are the same: More income, less spending, or some sort of combination of both.

Why should the outcome be any different than it was two years ago, which is why a continuation budget of another 30 days is likely in the cards this time, too.

A serious factor which may be of somewhat subdued but obvious importance is that next year is an election year, which may influence the actions and decisions of all four of the major leadership players listed above as well as the legislators who must eventually vote on the budget.

THE POLITICAL futures of all four major players could be affected by how they handle the present crisis.

All four are term limited in their present jobs.

Gov. Granholm probably is the least affected politically by what happens to the budget. She has not indicated she will be a candidate for anything, although court jobs on either the federal or state level are possibilities.

Lt. Gov. Cherry is a candidate for the Democratic

nomination for governor.

Speaker Dillon has acknowledged a possible interest in the same job, which may account for his much higher profile in budget planning this time around.

Sen. Bishop wants the Republican nomination for attorney general, which must be won at his party's convention next August, and conservative credentials could be vital in that selection process.

IN BROAD outline, the differences go along party lines, with only slight deviations here and there, to fill the expected \$2.8 billion budget shortfall.

Republicans want to cut services and add no new taxes of any kind. The senate already has passed the Republican version of an acceptable budget by cutting about \$1.2 billion in spending... and no tax increases. The balance would come from expected federal stimulus money.

Democrats will accept

some cuts, but not in money for schools, scholarships, welfare and mental health programs.

Gov. Granholm has suggested various tax increases including service taxes, and Democrats generally call for more taxes and fewer cuts. Democrats also count on federal stimulus funds in their version.

"IN MY VIEW, the overriding problem in writing laws today is the extreme partisanship which has crept into our political system across the country.

All things seem to be viewed in partisan terms. If Democrats favor an idea, Republicans must oppose it. If Republicans want to do something, Democrats must stop them. Merit has no strength in the political process. It must be party above all else.

Our representative form of government, with the people exercising ultimate control through elected leaders and representatives, has been twisted by parti-

sanship, not only in Michigan but across the country, and especially in Washington.

Unreasonable dedication to party must diminish, and the welfare of the total public - not just those who support one side or the other - must be elevated to be the controlling reason for all political actions.

Unless partisanship lessens and redirects itself, our entire system may be in danger of inevitable stalemate and eventual collapse."

I wrote the preceding five paragraphs in an Almanack dated Oct. 1, 2007, during the Michigan budget crisis two years ago. Two years later, I agree.

The same showdown over money seems to reappear in Michigan year after year. There must be a better way.

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Letters to the Editor

How long do we have to put up with this?

To the editor

Who would ever believe that a company that builds roads would allow detours to have potholes as big as we have in Grayling?

From Michigan road to the railroad tracks it took twenty minutes because of the potholes between speedway and the railroad tracks! It's not from the lack of equipment.

How long are we going to put up with this?

Bryan Dent
Grayling



AVALANCHE DEADLINES

Community Briefs items submitted to the Crawford County Avalanche must be turned in to the office by Monday noon, to appear in that week's issue.

Photographs must be turned in to the office by noon on Friday for consideration in the next issue.

News items and let-

ters should be submitted on 8 1/2-x-11 inch paper, typed, and double-spaced.

Handwritten items must also have ample space between each line; on lined paper use every other line.

Classified ads by the word must be turned in by Tuesday noon and have to be paid for in

advance or they will not be published.

Classified display ads must be turned in by Monday noon.

Full page, half page, or color display ads must be turned in by Thursday at 5 p.m.

The deadline for all display ads smaller than a half page is Friday at 5 p.m.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Your views are welcome on the Opinion Page.

Letters may be typed or handwritten, but please double-space or use every other line and limit to 500 words.

Every letter must be

signed and an address and telephone number must be included to be considered for publication. Letters will not be published without the author's name. Telephone numbers are not published.

All letters are subject to editing and will be printed as space allows.

Deadline for submission of letters to the editor is Friday at noon for consideration for publication in the following week's paper.

What Do You Think?

Join in the discussion online. The Crawford County Avalanche welcomes its readers to comment on news, features, and opinion articles - including letters to the editor and Richard Milliman's weekly Almanack column - on our Internet site at www.crawfordcountyavalanche.com.

To express an opinion on a news, feature, or op-ed article, click on a story and scroll down to the "What do you think?" header (it's highlighted with a red color bar). Fill in your name and type your comments in the area provided, and click the "Post Comment" icon when finished. Existing comments are listed between the "What do you think?" header and the area to post new comments. Readers are also welcome to respond to comments posted by other readers.

All comments are subject to approval by Crawford County Avalanche management prior to publication on our Internet site. Comments are limited to 200 words.

Recent editions of the Avalanche have generated the following responses:

4 blogs on this article: "Police and a Department of Corrections Emergency Response Team tracked down a Crawford County Jail inmate who had been on the loose for 28 hours after getting his choppers checked last week. The search for Timothy Wayne Round concluded with his capture at 6:30 p.m. on

Wednesday, Sept. 9, at a hunting camp located off of Roberts Road in Maple Forest Township."

4 blogs on this article: "Beaver Creek Township won the first round in a battle to shut down a woman's cat haven kept in her home, but her attorney was given two weeks to regroup and pursue a different legal argument to save the non-profit rescue operation. 46th Circuit Trial Court Judge Dennis F. Murphy granted a motion for summary disposition to Beaver Creek Township in court on Friday, Sept. 11. The ruling means that an initial lawsuit filed by Grayling Attorney Adam Vernon on behalf of Delores Quay, the founder of the Leaning Oaks Cat Haven, was dismissed."

2 blogs on this letter to the editor: "We are huge football fans at our house. To our delight, we witnessed a spectacle Friday night, at our hometown football field, that was as exciting as any game - high school, college or professional that we have ever seen."

2 blogs on this article: "A Grayling couple and their supporters will have to wait a month to learn the fate of two pit bulls they hope to bring back home to be part of the family. 46th Circuit Trial Court Judge Dennis F. Murphy, after hearing oral arguments Friday, Sept. 11, said he will issue a written opinion in 30 days for a case Dawn and Ken Minard have filed against Crawford County seeking to save their dogs, Shelby and Riley, from euthanasia."

<http://www.crawfordcountyavalanche.com>

Briefs

50s and 60s band to perform

The Classics 50s and 60s Band will perform as part of the Grayling Promotional Association Entertainment Series with a dinner show and dance floor at the Ramada Inn in Grayling, on Saturday, Sept. 26. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. Tickets are available for \$35 uptown Grayling at Riverland, the chamber of commerce or at the door. For more information call 989-348-2921.

Church to hold free concert

Bear Lake Christian Church, M-72 between Grayling and Kalkaska will hold a free concert with Stephen and Joshua Forester, performing gospel music and Christian comedy on Sunday, Sept. 27, at 6 p.m. A love offering will be held. Refreshments will follow the concert.

COA Out to Lunch at Cross Village

The Out to Lunch Gang of the Grayling Senior Center, 308 Lawndale St., will be going to Cross Village on Sept. 29, from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Lunch will be on your own at the Legs Inn, which overlooks Lake Michigan. After lunch they will explore Cross Village Rug Works. The cost for the trip is \$10. The bus leaves from the center. Call for 348-7123 for reservations.

Angelfood to be distributed

Angelfood will be passed out Sept. 26, from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Grayling Free Methodist Church. Bring a box or cooler to pick up your orders.

Church to hold Teen Challenge

Bear Lake Christian Church, 221 E. Bear Lake Rd and M-72, will host Western Michigan Teen Challenge Rally Team "Reaching the Drug Addict and Alcoholic" on Sunday, Sept. 27, at 10 a.m. Call 231-258-6107 with questions.

Benefit potluck to be held

A friendship potluck luncheon will be held for Sandy Moore on Sunday, Sept. 27, from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. at the Grayling Country Club. She recently lost her home in a fire and all well wishers are welcome. Contact Mary at 348-1292.

Community calendar available online

The Crawford County Avalanche has a community calendar on their new Web site. To view area happenings, or to be considered for publication of your event, go to crawfordcountyavalanche.com, click on community and go to the community calendar.

Kirtland to host new 'Celebration of Fine Art!'

Officials at Kirtland Community College (KCC) are preparing to unveil the high level of the artistic talent northern Michigan has to offer by helping host the first "Celebration of Fine Art!" set for Friday through Sunday, Oct. 23-25, in Roscommon.

Kirtland officials, with assistance from organizations including the Pen & Palette Group in Higgins Lake, have invited hundreds of artisans to display their creative efforts at the fine arts exhibition that will take place at two venues - the AuSable River Center and the Roscommon County Annex, both located in the Village of Roscommon.

The three-day event will actually consist of two parts, with a small works exhibition at the AuSable River Center on North Main Street and a fine arts show for larger and more distinctive pieces at the Roscommon County Annex on South Fourth Street, adjacent to the CRAFT Center.

"The purpose is to showcase the exceptional level of artistic talent and creativity available in the area, as well as provide a venue for local artisans to display and sell their products," said KCC President Dr. Tom Quinn.

The show will include works by artists from Otsego, Roscommon, Crawford, Ogemaw and Oscoda counties. Quinn added his goal is to find as many as 450 artists based in northern Michigan to participate in the upcoming show or similar events in the future.

"We have already set out invitations to 316 artists in our four-county area," Quinn said. "If we could add to that list, in a blink of an eye we could reach that goal of 450 participating

artists."

The college will display the items at the two venues, which will be open to the public. Refreshments will also be available during all three days of the event. There is no charge to attend, though donations will be accepted.

Currently, plans for the Celebration of Fine Art! include a reception from 4 p.m. through 7 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 23, at the AuSable River Center. Planned hours for the weekend are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 24, and then 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 25.

"Kirtland Community College is offering artists an opportunity to be creative, work outside the box, have fun and make a little money," Quinn said. "We're hoping that area artisans, along with supporters of the arts from all over Michigan, will take advantage and play an active role in what we hope will be a ground-breaking event for our local communities."

Deadline for artists to register for the Celebration in Fine Art! is Friday, Oct. 9. Potential participants can find entry forms and other details concerning the exhibition online at <http://kirtland.edu/fineart>.

For more information, persons may contact Sandy Hull via e-mail at hulls@kirtland.edu or by calling 989-275-5000, extension 388.

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Bugs tell the story for health of Manistee River watershed

Local residents, conservationists and Manistee River Property owners are encouraged to take part in a follow-up stream monitoring project this weekend.

People are urged to join the monitoring effort of the Manistee River on Saturday, Sept. 26.

Riding on the success of the program's first sampling event on the Manistee, Huron Pines hopes to engage more residents of the Manistee River Watershed to collaborate in monitoring the health of their river by looking at the bugs that live in it. More specifically, through a Michigan Clean Water Corps (MiCorps) grant and support from the Paul H Young Chapter of Trout Unlimited, Huron Pines organizes volunteers interested in collecting and identifying macroinvertebrates at designated sites along the river and its tributaries.

On May 30, the first collection for the Manistee River system took place, with over 30 volunteers gathering to collect, sort, and identify macroinvertebrates from 4 sites in the Upper Manistee River system. Expanding the Huron Pines volunteer stream monitoring effort has so far yielded good results.

The Upper Manistee sites scored as follows:

- Manistee River - Deward Area: 47.6 good rating.
- Manistee River - Thorsen Property: 44.2 good rating.
- Goose Creek - Goose Creek Road: 44 good rating.

Senior Citizen News

Join us for a meal either at noon or 5 p.m. weekdays, except Friday, when there is no evening meal. Soup or salad bar served prior to the meal Monday through Thursday.

This week's menu (lunch/dinner) and activities:

Friday, Sept. 25 - Lunch - breaded baked cod, red potatoes, broccoli, fresh fruit salad and banana split bar. No dinner. 10 a.m. card golf, 1 p.m. Pantry Bingo.

Monday, Sept. 28 - Lunch - Chicken stir-fry, brown rice, peas and a plum. Dinner - pork chop, glazed sweet potatoes, asparagus, applesauce and apple pie and ice cream. 10 a.m. quilting, 1 p.m. Bridge and Clogging.

Tuesday, Sept. 29 -

• Portage Creek - Portage Creek Road: 38.9 good rating.

It was noted, however, that these scores are overlooking the wide variety of stone fly species present in the Manistee River system and it was recommended that much more knowledge would be gained if the samples were to be identified down to the family level.

There are several other citizens that have begun to express interest in conducting macroinvertebrate sampling and stream monitoring in their watersheds and Huron Pines is always looking to strengthen and expand their programs.

Huron Pines staff and volunteer urge others to join them on the Manistee River, on Saturday to learn more about the existing volunteer stream monitoring programs or if you are interested in developing an effort closer to your home watershed.

To learn more project details, contact Patrick Ertel, Huron Pines Project Manager, at 344-0753 ext. 19 or by email: Patrick@huronpines.org.

Huron Pines conserves the forests, lakes, and streams of Northeast Michigan. This mission is achieved by the organization's efforts to coordinate hands-on conservation projects while also helping grassroots conservation partners to be effective at the local level. For more information on watershed projects throughout the 11 counties of Northeast Michigan, visit www.huronpines.org.

Raffle Winners

Grayling Youth Booster Club

The 50/50 raffle winners for Sept. 20 of \$25 each: Dan Benson, Harvey Roland and George Wolfe.

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Leaves Grayling	6:45 a.m.	11:30 a.m.
Leaves Grayling	9:00 a.m.	1:30 p.m.
Leaves Grayling	11:30 a.m.	3:30 p.m.
Leaves Grayling	1:15 p.m.	5:00 p.m.
M-72 EAST	6:00 a.m.	7:30 a.m.
Leaves Grayling	6:45 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
Leaves Grayling	9:00 a.m.	1:00 p.m.
Leaves Grayling	11:30 a.m.	2:15 p.m.
Leaves Grayling	1:30 p.m.	4:30 p.m.
Leaves Grayling	3:30 p.m.	*The 1:00 p.m. south run does not go all the way into Roscommon.
Leaves Grayling	5:00 p.m.	M-72 WEST

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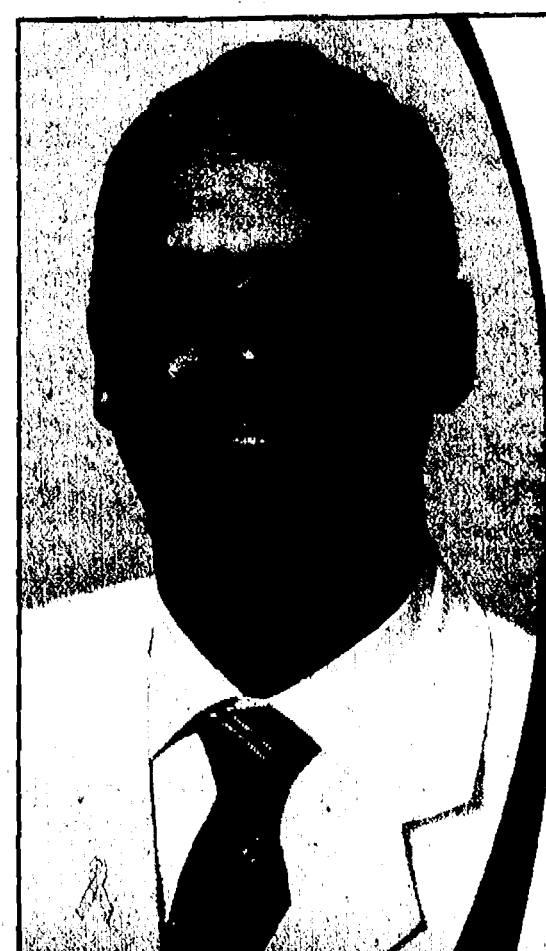
Information regarding RHI medical transportation services can be obtained by contacting: Julie Dean @ 348-8215

SPECIAL EVENT TRIPS:
Scheduled For September 2009
Tuesday September 8, 2009
Turtle Creek Casino in Williamburg (Minimum 25 People)
Thursday, September 24, 2009
"Out to Lunch Gang" Rogers City-Mmmunchy Krunchy Cider Mill
Tuesday, September 29, 2009
"Out to Lunch Gang"
Cross Village Lunch at Legs Inn
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To reserve seats or request information concerning special event trips call Julie @ 348-8215

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The Bible Speaks

The True Scripture

Last week we saw in Romans 10:8 that the true gospel of Jesus Christ unto salvation is present and accessible, possessed, and preached from God's word of faith in Holy Scripture. "8But what saith it? The word is nigh thee, even in thy mouth, and in thy heart: that is, the word of faith, which we preach." Your assurance of salvation can be no better than the Bible upon which you rest your faith for eternity.

John 20:30,31 remind us of one reason why God gave us His Holy Scriptures: "30And many other signs truly did Jesus in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book: 31But these are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through his name." Only the Scriptures can give us positive assurance of salvation: "12He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life. 13These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God." Holy Scripture gives us God's only written assurance of our salvation.

"The word is nigh thee..." meaning it is present and accessible. Those who rest their faith on the inspired, inerrant, infallible original autographs of the Bible are not trusting a tangible Bible they can hold in their hands. The original autographs are a phantom philosophical Bible which does not exist, unless one also believes God has by divine, providential preservation preserved all the words He revealed. Translators of Modern Bibles admit by their own textual changes, and footnotes they do not believe in such a Bible. The King James Bible is the only English Bible which can be proven to be translated from the traditional Hebrew, Aramaic, and Greek text God revealed thousands of years ago. If you do not have complete trust in the Bible you hold in your hands, you cannot have full assurance of salvation. (Hundreds of books and sermons defending the traditional Bible texts are available at <http://www.dean-burgonsociety.org/>.)

"8But what saith it? The word is nigh thee, even in thy mouth, and in thy heart..." The word of faith is not only present and accessible, it is possessed in the mouth and heart of those who are saved by hearing the gospel preached. If you cannot trust

the words of faith you hold in your hands, how can you trust the words of faith you profess with your mouth and claim to be present in your heart? We can trust Jesus Christ in Matthew 24:35 and Mark 8:38: "35Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away....38Whosoever therefore shall be ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation; of him also shall the Son of man be ashamed, when he cometh in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

Paul concluded, "...That is, the word of faith, which we preach." We preach God's words as present in our hand, and possessed in our heart and mouth. Peter also preached these same words in 1 Peter 1:24,25 that Isaiah had preached six hundred years earlier: "24For all flesh is as grass, and all the glory of man as the flower of grass. The grass withereth, and the flower thereof falleth away: 25But the word of the Lord endureth for ever. And this is the word which by the gospel is preached unto you."

Pastor "B"

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Range Firing

Small Arms Ranges located west of Lake Margrethe, north of Howe Rd., east of the gas pipeline and south of Portage Creek, Oct. 1-7.

Range 12, located south of the main post, bounded on the east by Carrier Rd., and west of Beaver Creek (Military Rd.), Oct. 1 and 3-4.

Range 13, located south of the main post, bounded on the west by Crawford County Line, north of Daniels Rd. and east of the gas pipeline, Oct. 1 and 4.

Range 15, located south of the main post, bounded on the west by Cadillac Rd. and on the east by Carrier Rd., Oct. 1 and 4.

ARF Range, located west of Lake Margrethe, north of Howe Rd., east of the gas pipeline and north of Portage Creek, Oct. 2-6.

Range 17, Hand Grenade Range located south of the main post, north of Carrier Rd., east of range 13 and west of Beaver Creek (Military Rd.), Oct. 1 and 3-4.

The Range 40 Complex, located north of County Rd. 612, east of Sherman Rd., south of Old State Rd. 618, and west of county Rd. F97 (Twin Bridge Rd.), Oct. 1-2 and 6.

The Range 40 Complex, Air to Ground, located north of County Rd. 612,

east of Guthrie Lake, south of Old State Rd. 618, and west of County Rd. F97 (Twin Bridge Rd.), Oct. 1-2 and 5-7.

The Range 30 Complex, located north of North Down River Rd., east of Jones Lake Rd., south of County Rd. 612, and west of Bald Hill Truck Trail, Oct. 7.

In addition, the following roads will be closed on: Bucks East-West Truck Trail from Jones Lake Road to Bald Hill Truck Trail; Ketchum Truck Trail from Bucks East-West to N. Down River Rd.; Stephan Bridge Rd. from County Rd. 612 to N. Down River Rd.; Wakeley Bridge Rd. from County Rd. 612 to N. Down River Rd.

Heavy weapons range firing is scheduled from sunrise until three hours after sunset. Due to mobilization requirements, the Post Commander may authorize mission-firing requirements beyond this time. This firing schedule is subject to change without notice to the public.

Contact the Grayling Department of Natural Resources for the areas closed for hunting within the boundaries of the installation at 989-348-6371. For further information call 989-344-6100.

Library News

The Devereaux Memorial Library will be showing *Tom & Huck*, a movie featuring a lot of kids that get into trouble ... but these two invented it. The showings will be on Friday, Sept. 25 at 3:30 p.m. and again at 6 p.m., popcorn will be included. Call 348-9214 to sign up.

The Lovells Township Library will have a "Tom Sawyer Story Hour" on Saturday, Sept. 26, at 1 p.m. Call Connie at 344-9243, to sign up for crafts, food and free copies of "The Adventures of Tom Sawyer."

The Crawford County Library Literary (C.C.L.L.) Book Club will meet at the Devereaux Memorial Library on Tuesday, Sept. 29 at 5 p.m. This month's discussion is on "Eat, Pray, Love" by Elizabeth Gilbert. If you would like to join call Jane at 348-9214.

Military News

Staff Sergeant Travis Hulbert of Grayling, a member of the Michigan Army National Guard, completed the Basic Non-Commissioned Officer Course at Fort Custer in Augusta on August 7. The course provides the military knowledge and skills required to function as a non-commissioned officer in the Army.

Hulbert is a member of the 1071st Maintenance Company in Grayling. He has been a member of the military for eight years. He graduated basic training in 2001 from Fort Jackson S.C. and is a 1999 graduate of Grayling High School. He has one child Camren and is the son of Brian Hulbert of Frederic and Judith Crandall of Alden.

Card of Thanks

With the help of family and good friends, Tara and Ryan's wedding was beautiful. Our sincere gratitude to Linda, Mary, Patty, Joe, Paula, Bruce, Gail, Monique, Shannon, Shayla,

Ambre, Julie, Therese and Dennis Huggard a consummate gentlemen.

Thank you, Dale, Eileen, Marisa, Makenzie, Tara, Ryan and Chelsea.

Card of Thanks

We want to thank all who sent cards, people who saw our picture and congratulated us and those who attend-

ed our surprise 50th anniversary party, plus our great kids and family. Pat and Nancy Nunn

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Sunday Service 10:30 am
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Sunday School 10:30 am

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www.michelsonmemorial.org - Barrier Free
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Coffee Hour 10 am
Sunday School (preschool-3rd grade) 11 am
Adult Sunday School 10 am
Praise & Worship Service 11 am
(Childcare Available)

Seventh Day Adventist
Pastor: David Jorgensen
(989) 348-1909 • Services held Saturday at Camp Ausable off M-72 East (1st building on right inside camp entrance)
Saturday Church Service 9:30 am
Saturday Sabbath School 10:30 am
Tuesday Prayer Meeting 7 pm

Lovells Community Chapel
(Bible based and non-denominational)
Pastor: Larry Hankins
8133 Bald Hill Rd. - Lovells
(989) 348-2701

Sunday School (youth & adult) 9:30 am
Morning Worship 11 am
Wed Prayer & Bible Study 7-8 pm

Grayling Free Methodist
Pastor: Rick Secord
6652 M-72 West - (989) 348-9093
Early Service 8:30 am
Sunday School 10 am
Morning Service 11 am
Prayer Meeting (Wednesday) 7 pm

Emma Lowery United Church of Christ
3474 West Park Road, Luzerne
Sunday Worship 11 am
Adult & Youth Sunday School 9:30 am

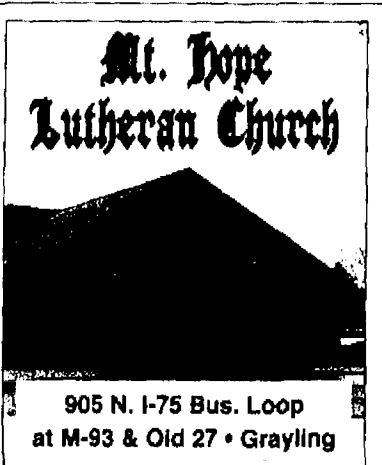
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heritagebaptist-grayling.org
1841 Hartwick Pines Rd.
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Afternoon Worship 12:45 pm
Wednesday 7 pm

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Morning Worship 11 am
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Sunday Masses 10 am

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Sunday Worship 11 am
Sunday Evening 6 pm
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Midweek Bible Study (Wed.) 6 pm

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Sunday School 10 am
Sunday Worship 11 am & 6 pm
Wednesday Evening 7 pm

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Morning Worship 11 am
Evening Service 6 pm
Wednesday Service 7 pm

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Sunday School 9 am
Bible Study (Wed.) 6:30 pm
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Church Alive Church of God
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(231) 258-3448
Sunday School 10 am
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Family Training Hour & Prayer (Wednesday) 7 pm

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Sunday 9 am

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Morning Worship 10 am
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Wed. Men's Bible Study Noon

Frederic Worship Center
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Pastor: Gary Thompson
(989) 422-3464 • (989) 348-5712
Sunday Service 11 am

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints
President: David Stephenson
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Sacrament 10 am
Sunday School 11 am
Primary 11 am
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Obituaries

Lorraine E. Selden

Lorraine E. Selden, 80, of Grayling, passed away on September 19, 2009 at Mercy Hospital.

She was born on October 10, 1928, in Freemont, to Clarence and Wealthia Bayne.

She enjoyed sewing, quilting, crocheting and many years of camping, traveling and fishing with her husband.

She is survived by her loving husband, Martin Selden; three sons, Keith L. Wolfson, Rex A. (Roselyn) Wolfson, Kenneth G. (Carol) Selden; daughter, Pamela J. Babcock; two brothers, Clair B. Bayne and Ted R. (Clara) Bayne; six grandchildren: Brian Wolfson, Yvonne Monford, Wendy (Ray) Wolfson, Daniel Selden, Allen (Inna) McNamara, Teresa (Brian) House; four great-grandchildren: Kate Lynn Payne, Alex Payne, Rose House and Violet House; and dearly beloved friends, Shirely Duby, Cy Wakely, Jennell Golinick and Geri Crothers.

She will be fondly remembered for her goodness and deeply missed. As per her wishes, there will be no funeral or other services.

Dora L. Dann

Dora Lee Dann, 83, of Grayling, passed away on September 9, 2009, in a respite care home in Clinton Township, near her family.

She is survived by her sister, Nina Paquette; nephew, David (Cindy) Paquette; grand-nieces, Katie Paquette and Kari (Matthew) Garity; niece, Darla (Paquette) Ham; grand-nephew, Darren (Jennifer) Ham and nephew, George (Connie) Dann and family of Flint.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Joseph J. Dann; parents, Harold and Edna Vollen; brother-in-laws, Emil H. Paquette and Robert Dann; and nephew, Lawton Ham.

Cremation has taken place. Interment was at Sunset Memorial Gardens in Port Huron.

A memorial will be held at a later date at Mt. Hope Lutheran Church, Grayling.

Five Generations



Five generations on both sides of Sherrie Colleen Fisher's family were together in July. Pictured (L to R): Lois (Winn) Colleen of Grayling, Nancy (Colleen) Biddle, Sherrie (Charron) Fisher, Karrah (Koehl) Smith, Gracyn Lynn Smith, all of Indianapolis, Ind., Lee Charron of Scottsville and Myrtle Taylo of Grayling.

Five Generations



Five generations recently came together. Pictured (L to R): Gregory Joseph Morgan, Britny Schwartz (mom), JoEllen Schwartz (great-grandma), Alice Britton (great-great-grandma) and Scott Schwartz (grandpa).

Sheriff's Report

Crawford County Sheriff Kirk Wakefield reports his office handled the following 112 complaints the week of Sept. 14 - Sept. 20.

One EMS response, 21 general non-criminal complaints, one delinquent minor, six false alarm activations, four assault/intimidation/stalkings, three burglaries/home invasions, eight larcenies, one larceny from building, two motor vehicle thefts, two fraudulent activities, two damage to properties, two drug narcotic violations, one sex offense/indecent exposure, 11 public peace/disorderlies, nine health and

safeties, three miscellaneous criminal offenses, three traffic accidents, one hazardous condition, one inspection/investigation-property, 10 family troubles-domestic, 15 suspicious situations, four driving violations/driving while license suspended and one driving on revoked/suspended license.

Sheriff Wakefield asks, "Do you know where your children are? Please remember, our children are our future."

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Births

Amber and Patrick Auch, of Roscommon, announce the birth of their son, Karter Patrick, born at Mercy Hospital on September 5, 2009, at 6:53 p.m., weighing 9 lbs., 1 oz., and measuring 20 1/2 inches in length.

Shannon and Joe Rankin, of Roscommon, announce the birth of their son, Cole Simon Joseph, born at Mercy Hospital on September 8, 2009, at 7:55 a.m., weighing 9 lbs., 12 ozs., and measuring 21 1/2 inches in length.

Bonnie Romain and David Rice, announce the birth of a son, Gavin Michael Lee, born at Mercy Hospital on September 5, 2009, at 1:11 a.m., weighing 7 lbs., 11 ozs., and measuring 19 inches in length.

Sarah and Jeremy Garrod, of Roscommon, announce the birth of their son, Aidyn Matthew Simon, born at Mercy Hospital on September 8, 2009, at 1:12 p.m., weighing 8 lbs., 14 ozs., and measuring 21 inches in length.

Tina M. Fisher and Brian D. True, of Grayling, announce the birth of a son, Brandon Anthony, born at Mercy Hospital on September 11, 2009, at 3:53 a.m., weighing 7 lbs., 1.3 ozs., and measuring 19 1/2 inches in length. His brother is Zachary, age 6. His grandmother is Faye Tackett of Grayling and great-grandmother is Phyllis Tackett of Grayling.

Card of Thanks

Thanks to all the kids and adults who donated to the shelter for Brienna's Birthday Party. Everyone had lots of fun. Donated were 255 lbs. of dog food, 70 lbs. of cat food, 160 lbs. of cat litter, 56 lbs. of dog treats, 2.5 lbs. of cat treats, 30 dog toys, 15 cat toys, 12 rolls of paper towels, 7 gallons of bleach, one gallon of window cleaner, one quart of Simple Green cleaner, one qt. dog shampoo, one pt. doggy deodorant, 33 cans of dog food, 20 cans of cat food, two dog beds, 19 towels, 20 blankets/sheets/rugs and \$219 toward paying for our beautiful shelter. Great thanks to Gannon Broadcasting and the Crawford County Avalanche for promoting the party. You have all put a smile on the faces of our furry friends!

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87th District Court

Sentencings for August 2009

Hon. Monte J. Burmeister

Victor Mark Dennison, age 29 of Ithaca - Sentenced on Aug. 11, 2009, for license suspended/revoked-allowed another suspended person to operate; ordered to serve five days in jail; ordered to pay \$355 in fines or serve 35 days in jail; placed on probation for 122 days.

Erick Lee Swadener, age 38 of Prudenville - Sentenced on Aug. 4, 2009, for license suspended/revoked-allowed another suspended person to operate; ordered to serve five days in jail; ordered to pay \$705 in fines or serve 70 days in jail; placed on probation for 122 days.

Robbie Lee Tackett, age 29 of Grayling - Sentenced on Aug. 25, 2009, for operating while intoxicated; ordered to serve five days in jail with credit for two days served; ordered to pay \$1,335 in fines or serve 87 days in jail; placed on probation for 184 days.

Joleen Elizabeth Sutton, age 23 of Grayling - Sentenced on Aug. 18, 2009, for retail fraud-third degree; ordered to pay \$395 in fines and \$75.46 in restitution or serve 47 days in jail; placed on probation for 122 days.

Carlos Lorenzo Ledesma, age 23 of Grayling - Sentenced on Aug. 18, 2009, for assault/assault and battery; ordered to serve 20 days in jail; ordered to pay \$735 in fines or serve 73 days in jail; placed on probation for 365 days.

James Joseph Bryan, age 40 of Grayling - Sentenced on Aug. 11, 2009, for telecommunications services-malicious use; ordered to pay \$985 in fines; placed on probation for 184 days.

Jerry Dwayne Quesada, age 50 of Roscommon - Sentenced on Aug. 4, 2009, for attempt retail fraud-third degree; ordered to pay \$587.50 in fines or serve 46

days in jail; placed on probation for 122 days.

Arica Louise Hart, age 20 of Grayling - Sentenced on Aug. 4, 2009, for assault/assault and battery; ordered to pay \$925 in fines or serve 92 days in jail; placed on probation for 122 days.

Thomas James Lozon, age 40 of Grayling - Sentenced on Aug. 11, 2009, for operating while intoxicated; ordered to serve 45 days in jail; ordered to pay \$805 in fines or serve 48 days in jail.

Henry James Cojocar, age 22 of Grayling - Sentenced on Aug. 4, 2009, for drug/alcohol consumption-minor on premises; ordered to serve 10 days in jail; ordered to pay \$1,835 in fines or serve 30 days in jail; placed on probation for 184 days.

Dennis Guy Parks, age 44 of Grayling - Sentenced on Aug. 25, 2009, for attempt retail fraud-third degree; ordered to serve five days in jail; ordered to pay \$707.50 in fines or serve 40 days in jail; placed on probation for 122 days.

Jeremie Lee Hawley, age 30 of Grayling - Sentenced on Aug. 18, 2009, for embezzlement-agent/trustee over \$200 under \$1,000; ordered to pay \$1,065 in fines or serve 105 days in jail; placed on probation for 184 days.

Christopher Noel True, age 21 of Grayling - Sentenced on Aug. 4, 2009, for license suspended/revoked-allowed another suspended person to operate; ordered to pay \$355 in fines or serve 35 days in jail; placed on probation for 122 days.

Larry James Farley II, age 23 of Grayling - Sentenced on Aug. 18, 2009, for domestic violence; ordered to pay \$955 in fines or serve 93 days in jail; placed on probation for 184 days.

Justin James Betz, age 30 of Indian River - Sentenced on Aug. 25, 2009, for controlled substance possession

of marijuana; ordered to pay \$725 in fines or serve 72 days in jail; placed on probation for 122 days.

Terry Kevin Hilliard, age 39 of Houghton Lake - Sentenced on Aug. 25, 2009, for license suspended/revoked-allowed another suspended person to operate; ordered to serve 15 days in jail; ordered to pay \$415 in fines and \$3,265 in restitution or serve 78 days in jail; placed on probation for 184 days.

Jessie Marie Smock, age 27 of Grayling - Sentenced on Aug. 25, 2009, for domestic violence; ordered to pay \$685 in fines and \$12 in restitution or serve 69 days in jail; placed on probation for 184 days.

Larry Lee Vansickle, age 48 of Grayling - Sentenced on Aug. 25, 2009, for operate without security; ordered to pay \$370 in fines.

Gordon Earl Mott, age 65 of Roscommon - Sentenced on Aug. 25, 2009, for operating while intoxicated; ordered to serve five days in jail with credit for two days served; ordered to pay \$1,435 in fines or serve 88 days in jail; placed on probation for 184 days.

Charles Hugh Coultres, age 45 of Vanderbilt - Sentenced on Aug. 18, 2009, for operate while visibly impaired; ordered to pay \$525 in fines or serve 52 days in jail; placed on probation for 122 days.

Ronald Charles Langer, age 49 of Grayling - Sentenced on Aug. 11, 2009, for controlled substance possession-use of marijuana; ordered to serve 30 days in jail; ordered to pay \$695 in fines or serve 69 days in jail; placed on probation for 184 days.

Daniel Gene Ellison, age 19 of Frederic - Sentenced on Aug. 18, 2009, for operating without security and improper use of a license plate; ordered to pay \$618 in fines of serve 61 days in jail; placed on probation for 244 days.

Carlos Lorenzo Ledesma, age 19 of Grayling - Sentenced on Aug. 18, 2009, for controlled substance possession-use of marijuana; ordered to pay \$1,135 in fines or serve 90 days in jail; placed on probation for 365 days.

Gregory Arnold Bennett, age 53 of Grayling - Sentenced on Aug. 18, 2009, for telecommunications services-malicious use; ordered to serve 60 days in jail; ordered to pay \$1,075 in fines.

Robert Allen Miller, age 57 of Washington - Sentenced on Aug. 4, 2009, for operating while intoxicated; \$925 in fines or serve 92 days in jail; placed on probation for 122 days.

Lucas Wade Ansell, age 24 of Gladstone - Sentenced on Aug. 25, 2009, for impeded traffic; ordered to pay \$117 in fines.

Clayton Gale Dupuis, age 60 of Burt - Sentenced on Aug. 18, 2009, for operate while visibly impaired; ordered to pay \$505 in fines; placed on probation for 92 days.

Evan Paul Feinauer, age 18 of Houghton - Sentenced on Aug. 18, 2009, for person under 21 purchase/consume/possess liquor; ordered to pay \$440 in fines; placed on probation for 184 days.

Trenton Lewis Wagner, age 18 of Grayling - Sentenced on Aug. 19, 2009, for careless driving; ordered to pay \$197 in fines.

Carlos Lorenzo Ledesma, age 19 of Grayling - Sentenced on Aug. 18, 2009, for open alcohol in a motor vehicle; ordered to pay \$180 in fines or serve 18 days in jail.

Magistrate Camarin Talarico

Robert James Clement, age 18 of Roscommon - Sentenced on Aug. 5, 2009, for minor-possession/transport in motor vehicle; ordered to pay \$270 in fines or serve 27 days in jail; placed on probation for 92 days.

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Second Time Around sells an array of first-rate used items

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

A new store, which sells first-rate used goods, items and equipment, recently opened its doors in the City of Grayling.

Cheryl Stewart and her boyfriend Don Yelinek opened up their business Second Time Around, located at 1081 South I-75 Business Loop, on Aug. 22. The building used to house the Bear's Country Inn restaurant.

Second Time Around sells used items such as furniture, appliances, books, tools, antiques, video and board games, crafts, jewelry, pots and pans and other kitchen and household items. The business does not sell guns, but has an assortment of hunting and fishing items available.

Second Time Around is not a consignment store and is a for-profit business. The items sold in the store are

purchased at estate sales, auctions, garage sales and items from storage units where the renter has not kept up with their payments.

Second Time Around actually grew out of weekend garage sales that Yelinek and Stewart held on their property located off of M-72 East throughout the summer. They quickly outgrew the space where they could display the items and a storage unit the couple rented.

In about a month, Yelinek plans to open up an ancillary business in the eastside of the building called Four Seasons Powers Sports. The business will carry snowmobile, ATV, motorcycle and ORV parts and accessories. Yelinek operated a similar business in Clio for eight years.

"Basically, you can come in here and find a little bit of everything," he said.

Stewart and Yelinek

appreciate being able to help customers find needed items as they try to pinch their pennies and watch their budgets in response to the current economy.

"You can come in here and buy three or four bags of stuff compared to a retail store and get a lot more for your money," Yelinek said.

"I like to call ourselves a store with garage sale prices," Stewart added.

Yelinek handles the day-to-day operations at the store, while Stewart scouts out new items at garage sales, estate sales and auctions on weekends within a 200-mile radius of Grayling. Stewart is the office manager for Jim's Well Drilling.

Second Time Around will have regular sales to help turnover inventory as well as holiday-themed sales.

"Every day as items are sold, new items come in to take their place," Yelinek

said.

The couple hopes to soon offer washers, dryers and other large household and kitchen appliances.

Yelinek urged customers to plan to spend 30 to 45 minutes going through the store. He said that some of the initial customers have bought items, which remind them of things their relatives used to have and use.

"It's a pretty busy little store," Yelinek said. "It's hard to come in here and not find something you don't want - whether you need it or not."

Second Time Around is open from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. The store is open from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Sunday.



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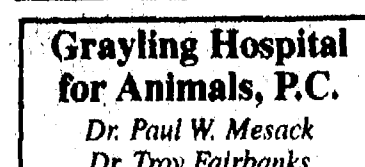
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Ashley Feldhauser, left, and Joni Bindschatel, right, hit the ball for Grayling during last Thursday's varsity meet vs. Harbor Springs.

JV, varsity volleyball squads fall to Harbor Springs

In a meet hosted by the Grayling Vikings, the visiting Harbor Springs Rams won both the JV and varsity volleyball matches vs. GHS last Thursday.

In the varsity contest, Grayling got off to a good start with a 26-24 victory in the first game of the series, but Harbor Springs won the next three games (25-12, 25-20, 25-20) to win the match 3-1.

"Harbor Springs was able to dig up everything we hit at them," Coach Jessica Szymoniak said. "We did make some improvements from Tuesday. Our defense and serve receive was much better and we served well, only missing six serves all night and this is usually a weakness for us. Our big downfall was not hitting the ball in bounds on kill attempts. We had 27 hitting errors, which when games are tight will not help in our

cause to win. We will fix these mistakes and move forward."

Ashley Feldhauser had five aces for GHS. Josie Swander had 13 assists and Savannah Foguth added five. Joni Bindschatel had 14 digs and Abbey Thomas had three solo blocks. Grace Calkins, Feldhauser, and Sierra Williamson each had four kills.

In the JV match, Harbor Springs won the first two games (25-18, 25-20). Grayling won game three 15-12.

On Tuesday, the JV and varsity squads played at Elk Rapids. Similar to Thursday's match, Grayling won the first game of the series 26-24, but lost the next three (25-19, 25-18, 25-15) to lose the match 3-1.

Kaitlyn Money had two aces and 12 attempted serves. Swander had 17



Sarah Goodyear serves for Grayling's JV volleyball team on Thursday night vs. the Rams.

assists. Williamson had seven kills and Feldhauser had five kills. Bindschatel led the team in digs with 11. Calkins had five assisted blocks and Becca Money had three assisted blocks. "We were able to overcome a small hurdle that we had struggled with before and that was winning a close game and going into extra points, which tells me we are getting stronger and more confident with ourselves. We just need to keep the confidence going throughout all the games. And I must credit Elk Rapids' consistency to keep playing strong defense and hitting well against us," Coach Szymoniak said.

"We missed 11 serves and made 14 hitting errors, which are things we can

control and could have turned the games in another direction. We let some mental mistakes take us out of the last two games and we couldn't recover," Coach Szymoniak said. "I want to highlight Chelana Williamson and Katie Money, who stepped into a new position at the last second that they had never practiced and played well."

Grayling's JV squad defeated Elk Rapids 2-1. The Vikings won game one 27-25, lost game two 25-13, and won the rubber match 15-5.

"They played well on Tuesday," Coach Jenny Swander said.

The varsity squad will host the Grayling Invitational tournament on Saturday, Sept. 26, at 9 a.m.

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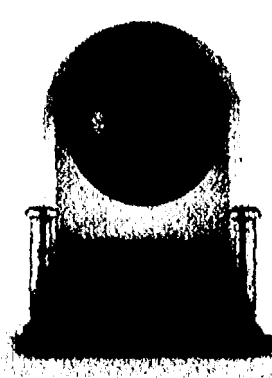
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Vikings win JV game 48-26 vs. EJ

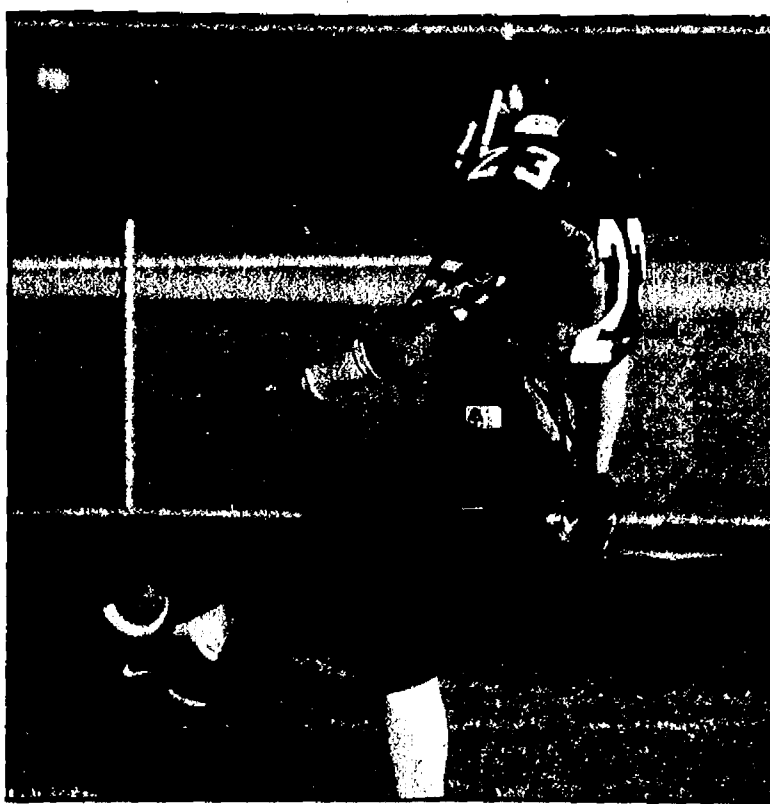
It was a close game at halftime – the Vikings had a 26-20 lead after two periods – but Grayling outscored the visiting East Jordan Red Devils 22-6 in the second half of last Thursday's JV football contest, and the Vikings won by a final score of 48-26.

"We scored 26 points in the second quarter to take a 26-20 halftime lead," Coach Chris Kucharek said. "The kids made some great adjustments at halftime and we shut down East Jordan's offense in the second half."

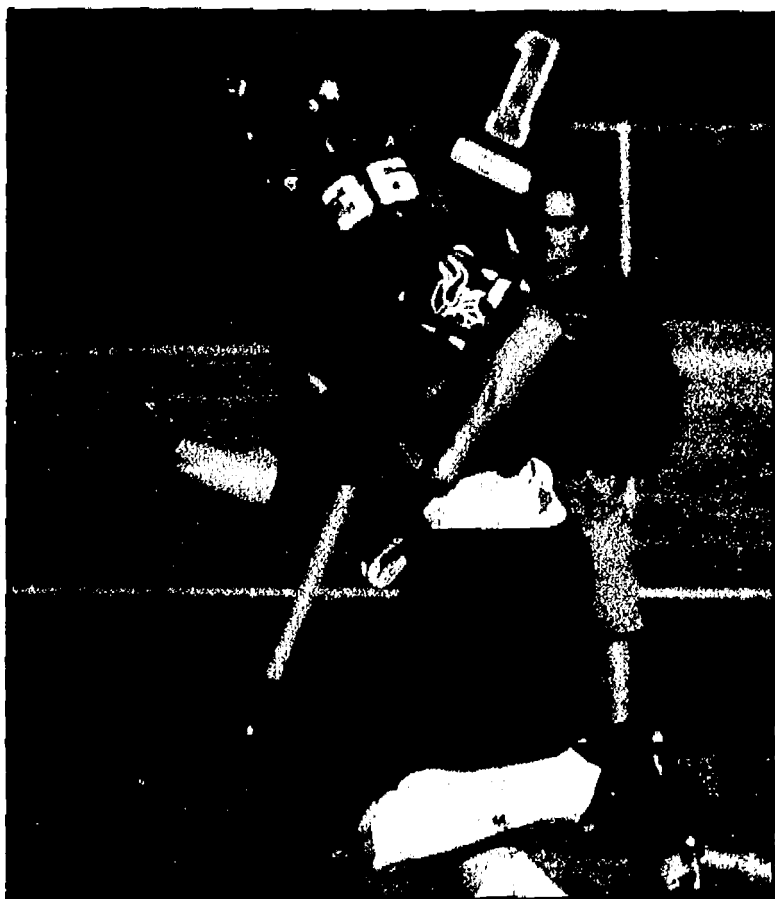
The Vikings finished with 464 yards of offense – 332 passing and 132 rushing.

Quarterback Zane Tobin threw for 332 yards and two TDs and rushed for 20 yards and three TDs. Devon Dawson had eight receptions for 216 yards and one TD. Craig Collen rushed for 76 yards and two TDs on 16 carries and had four catches for 54 yards. Jeff Enos had three receptions for 37 yards and one TD and nine carries for 36 rushing yards. Dawson (10), Ryan Randall (7), and Enos (5) were the leading tacklers for the Vikings.

Grayling (3-1 overall, 1-1 league) will play at Elk Rapids on Thursday, Sept. 24, at 6 p.m.



Ty Jensen punts the ball for the Vikings on Thursday night.



Craig Collen returns a kickoff for Grayling vs. East Jordan on Thursday.

Grayling golfs at Alpena, Glen Lake

The Vikings of Grayling High School golfed at Alpena and Glen Lake last week.

On Monday, the girls golf squad competed in the Alpena Invitational and finished with a team score of 436 (6th place). Traverse City Central won the meet with a score of 363.

Individual scores for GHS included: Heather Ruddy, 103, 18th; Ann Hamlin, 99, 13th; Kelsey Neuberger, 110, 28th; Emily Wingard, 124, 37th; Kaitlyn Adamski, 144, 40th; Cayla Johnson, 136, 39th.

"We saw some great individual improvements in Alpena. Our top three golfers shed 26 strokes from the last meet. Our schedule is tough and we continue to face the top teams in northern Michigan, which will only help us when we compete at regionals," Coach Keri Brock said.

"Ann Hamlin shot a 99, a personal best. She has become a more versatile

player that is able to use all of her clubs and not just rely on one facet of her game. She consistently outdrove her opponents off the tee and set herself up well for the second shot," Coach Brock said.

On Thursday, the Vikings shot nine holes at Glen Lake. Glen Lake edged Grayling 239-243.

Individual scores for Grayling included: Hamlin, 64; Ruddy, 55; Neuberger, 71; Wingard, 58; Johnson, 66.

"We seemed to take a slight step backwards. Mistwood is a tough course with some very long grass that can give trouble, but we just didn't respond well. Players are going to have bad holes, but the good ones recover. We need to find a way to do that in order to reach the success we are capable of," Coach Brock said.

The Vikings will golf at Cheboygan on Monday, Sept. 28.

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Colin Hamlin dribbles the ball for Grayling during Wednesday's game against the Elks.



Jake Small battles for an airborne ball on Monday night vs. Alcona.

Vikings defeat Elks 3-2 in LMC showdown

Grayling improves to 4-0 in league with sixth straight win

by Caleb Casey
 Senior Staff Writer

Grayling High School's varsity boys soccer team won both of its games last week - including a 3-2 conference victory in a night game vs. the visiting Elk Rapids Elks on Wednesday - to push its current winning streak to six games.

On Wednesday, the Vikings hosted Elk Rapids for a Lake Michigan Conference showdown in a contest played under the lights at Viking Stadium.

Grayling got on the scoreboard first with a goal by Trevor Dewitt at the first half's 19:10 mark. Dewitt scored on a breakaway after dribbling past the goalkeeper.

With 9:49 left in the half, Andy Davila gathered a loose ball in front of the net

after a corner kick, shot, and scored Grayling's second goal of the contest.

The Vikings had a 2-0 advantage at halftime.

At the 25:12 mark, a foul by Grayling in the penalty box resulted in a red card (ejection) and a penalty kick for Elk Rapids. The kick hit the goal post and Grayling was able to clear the ball, but the Vikings had to play the remainder of the game with 10 players vs. Elk Rapids' 11.

With 12:51 left in regulation, Dewitt converted a penalty kick for Grayling to give the Vikings a 3-0 advantage.

Elk Rapids scored its first goal at the 3:35 mark. Twenty-one seconds later, the Elks added another quick goal to pull within one, 3-2.

The Vikings held on to win by one goal.

"We passed the ball well and took advantage of our opportunities," Coach Craig Cobb said. "We had a great

effort from everyone on the field. We have fought hard to get to this point."

In soccer, Grayling hasn't had much success against Elk Rapids, a program that consistently puts up wins in the Lake Michigan Conference and in the playoffs. The Elks defeated the Vikings 8-0 in a district championship game two years ago. Elks Rapids won regional titles in 2007 and 2005.

"You put your time in and you work hard and it doesn't matter what's happened in the past," Coach Cobb said. "I was proud of the focus, energy, and drive the guys showed us tonight."

Goalkeeper Nick Sendek finished the game with 13 saves. Grayling had 14 shots on goal in the contest.

On Monday, the Vikings defeated the visiting Alcona Tigers 4-0 in a nonconference game.

Approximately 3:30 into the game, Colin Hamlin scored Grayling's first goal

of the contest.

At the first half's 20:53 mark, Brent Steffey scored on a header after Filipe Carvalho's direct kick deflected off the goalkeeper.

With 28:30 left in the second half, Dewitt scored his second goal with a shot off of a cross pass from Carvalho. With 1:49 remaining in the contest, Marc Pirogan scored on a pass from Carvalho. Sendek had nine saves. The Vikings had 16 shots on goal.

"We dominated both halves by being first to the ball," Coach Cobb said. "We had some great centers to get us some scoring chances. The guys played hard."

"Our defense did a great job," Coach Cobb said. "It was their second game that a good offensive team has been held scoreless."

The Vikings (6-1 overall, 4-0 conference) will play at Boyne City on Thursday, Sept. 24, at 5 p.m.



Goalkeeper Evan Kornell tosses the ball to a teammate during Wednesday's JV game against Elk Rapids. The Elks won 9-0.

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GHS wins 50-13 in football game at East Jordan

Vikings force four turnovers, throw for 411 yards on Friday

by Caleb Casey
Senior Staff Writer

Grayling forced four turnovers and scored 50 points - nearly doubling its 52-point combined output from the team's previous three games - during last Friday's varsity football victory vs. the Red Devils at East Jordan. The win improved Grayling's conference record to 2-0.

Quarterback Zach Wolcott threw for 411 yards and three touchdowns. Cody Myers caught eight passes for 186 yards and two touchdowns. Tyler Hanson, who rushed for 108 yards and four TDs, also caught 12 passes for 168 yards. Tyler Brigham had seven receptions for 52 yards and one TD.

"We definitely executed better on offense this week. The receivers did a great job of catching and running with the ball. Our offensive line played their best game yet, and when you combine that with Zach's poise and leadership, it led to a lot of points," Coach Tim Sanchez said.

Grayling's defense forced four turnovers - three interceptions and one fumble recovery - and held East Jordan to two TDs, one of which came after a lost fumble - Grayling's only turnover of the game - gave the Red Devils the ball only eight yards from the goal line.

"Coach (Kevin) O'Connell again had our defense prepared very well. We really only gave up one score, with the other one coming off an offensive mistake. I liked the way we swarmed to the ball and created turnovers," Coach Sanchez said.

The Vikings forced a turnover on the game's first play from scrimmage, recovering a fumble - Matt Dunckel grabbed the loose ball for the Vikings - 34 yards from the goal line.

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TC St. Francis	2-0
Elk Rapids	1-1
Kalkaska	1-1
Charlevoix	0-2
East Jordan	0-2
Harbor Springs	0-2

Last week's scores

TC St. Francis 64, Charlevoix 0
GRAYLING 50, East Jordan 13
Boyer City 42, Kalkaska 16
Elk Rapids 21, Harbor Springs 20



Tyler Hanson takes a handoff from Zach Wolcott during Friday's game at East Jordan.

four-yard TD run by Hanson. The series included a 17-yard pass to Hanson on 4th and 10 and a 17-yard pass to Brigham. Wolcott threw to Myers for the two-point conversion. GHS led 30-7 with 1:22 left in the first half.

On 4th and 10, after three incomplete passes, East Jordan's punt was partially blocked by Griffin Dean, giving Grayling the ball at its 45-yard line. The Vikings moved into East Jordan territory but the series ended with a turnover on downs.

Grayling led 30-7 at half-time. On the first series of the third quarter, Grayling fumbled on a high snap on 3rd and 2 and East Jordan recovered the ball eight yards from the end zone. On 1st and goal, the Red Devils scored on an eight-yard TD run. Ethan Lewis blocked the extra point kick for the Vikings. Grayling led 30-13.

The Vikings answered with a nine-play, 63-yard touchdown drive. The series included a 44-yard gain on a screen pass to Hanson and a

another four-yard TD run by Hanson. Wolcott passed to Brigham for the two-point conversion, giving the Vikings a 38-13 advantage.

East Jordan turned the ball over on downs.

Grayling finished a six-play, 57-yard series with a five-yard TD pass to Brigham on 4th and 4. GHS led 44-13 with 4:53 left in the third period.

On 1st and 10, Myers intercepted an East Jordan pass, giving Grayling the ball at its own 26-yard line.

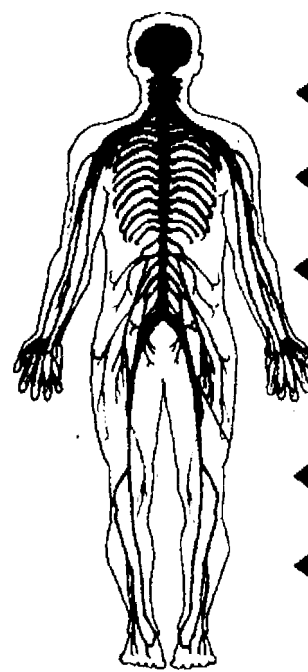
The Vikings drove 74 yards on 14 plays and finished the possession with a nine-yard TD run by Hanson on 2nd and goal. With 11:56 left in the game, Grayling led 50-13.

The Vikings posted two more interceptions down the stretch - one by Myers and one by Riley Zigala - and killed time off the clock when they had the ball on offense. The Vikings won by a final score of 50-13.

Grayling (3-1 overall, 2-0 league) will host Elk Rapids on Friday, Sept. 25, at 7 p.m.

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MAPLE FOREST TOWNSHIP NOTICE

Pursuant to the Open Meetings Act, Public Act 267 of 1976, the Maple Forest Township Board will meet on the following dates and times during the 2009-2010 fiscal year. All meetings will be held the second Tuesday of each month at the Maple Forest Township Hall located on Sherman Road. Meetings will begin promptly at 7:30 p.m.

July 14, 2009	January 12, 2010
August 11, 2009	February 9, 2010
September 8, 2009	March 9, 2010
October 13, 2009	April 13, 2010
November 10, 2009	May 11, 2010
December 8, 2009	June 8, 2010

Notice of all Special Meetings or any changes in Regular Board Meetings will be posted at the township hall a minimum of 18 hours in advance.

Sandra L. Baynham
Maple Forest Township Clerk

MCL 600.3205a(4)

NOTICE is hereby provided to Tracy Chouinard and Ben Chouinard, the borrowers and/or mortgagors (hereinafter "Borrower") regarding the property located at: 807 Vine St, Grayling, MI 49738-1135.

The Borrower has the right to request a meeting with the mortgage holder or mortgage servicer. The agent designated by the Mortgage Servicer and/or Mortgage Holder to contact and that has authority to make agreements under MCL sections 600.3205b and 600.3205c is: Trott & Trott, P.C., 31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200, Farmington Hills, MI 48334-2525 at (248) 593-1302.

The Borrower may contact a housing counselor by visiting the Michigan State Housing Development Authority's website or by calling the Michigan State Housing Development Authority at http://www.michigan.gov/mshda or at (866) 946-7432.

If the Borrower requests a meeting with the agent designated above by contacting an approved housing counselor within 14 days from

September 18, 2009, foreclosure proceedings will not be commenced until 90 days after September 18, 2009.

If the Borrower and the agent designated above reach an agreement to modify the mortgage loan, the mortgage will not be foreclosed if the Borrower abides by the terms of the agreement.

The Borrower has the right to contact an attorney. The telephone number of the State Bar of Michigan's Lawyer Referral Service is (800) 968-0738.

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

Date: September 24, 2009
For more information, please call: FC X (248) 593-1302
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys For Servicer and/or Mortgage Holder
31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200
Farmington Hills, MI 48334-2525
File # 285866F01

NOTICE

PURSUANT TO

MCL 600.3205a(4)

NOTICE is hereby provided to Scott Pittman, the borrowers and/or mortgagors (hereinafter "Borrower") regarding the property located at: 675 Robinhood Ln, Grayling, MI 49738-6205.

The Borrower has the right to request a meeting with the mortgage holder or mortgage servicer. The agent designated by the Mortgage Servicer and/or Mortgage Holder to contact and that has authority to make agreements under MCL sections 600.3205b and 600.3205c is: Trott & Trott, P.C., 31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200, Farmington Hills, MI 48334-2525 at (248) 593-1310.

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NOTICE

FEDERAL LAW REQUIRES US TO ADVISE YOU THAT COMMUNICATION WITH OUR OFFICE COULD BE INTERPRETED AS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT AND THAT ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY SERVICE, PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE, AS YOU ARE ENTITLED TO SPECIAL PROTECTIONS. To: Marjorie Joseph and Juell Joseph 2717 West Krause Road Frederic, MI 49733 County: Crawford State law requires that you receive the following notice: You have the right to request a meeting with your mortgage holder or mortgage servicer. The person to contact and that has the authority to make agreements for a loan modification with you is: Orland Associates, P.C. Loss Mitigation Department, P.O. Box 5041, Troy, MI 48007-5041, (248) 502-1331. You may contact a housing counselor by visiting the Michigan State Housing Development Authority ("MSHDA") website or by calling MSHDA. The website address and telephone number of MSHDA is: (www.mshda.info/counseling_search/), telephone (517) 373-8370, TTY# 1-800-382-4568. If you request a meeting with the servicer's designate within 14 days after the Notice required under MCL 600.3205a(1) is mailed, then foreclosure proceedings will not start until 90 days after the date the Notice was mailed to you. If you and the servicer's Designate reach an agreement to modify the mortgage loan, the mortgage will not be foreclosed if you abide by the terms of the agreement. You have the right to contact an attorney. You may contact attorney of your choice. If you do not have an attorney, the telephone number for the Michigan State Bar Association's Lawyer Referral Service is 1-800-968-0738. Dated: September 24, 2009

FOR FREDERIC TOWNSHIP PROPERTY OWNERS FREDERIC CLEANUP DAYS

Frederic Township will be having Frederic Cleanup Days September 24, 25 & 26, 8:00 AM - 6:00 PM, at the Township Hall, 7564 County Rd. 612.

Proof of Township property ownership will be required i.e. Tax Id #, Voter registration or Driver's License.

We cannot receive Yard waste, Tires, Liquid waste, Oil Base Paints, Asbestos, or Hazardous Waste.

Township Supervisor
William Johnson

Orland Associates P.C. Attorneys for Servicer P.O. Box 5041 Troy, MI 48007-5041 File Number: 426.0586 ASAP# 3267407 09/24/2009

NOTICE

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY. MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Michael P. Kelly and Ricky A. Kelly, husband and wife, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated March 26, 2007 and recorded April 3, 2007 in Liber 685, Page 961, Crawford County Records, Michigan. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Seventeen Thousand Eight Hundred Seventy-Seven and 99/100 Dollars (\$117,877.99) including interest at 5.75% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue at the front door of the County Building in Grayling in Crawford County, Michigan, at 10:00 a.m. on OCTOBER 21, 2009. Said premises are located in the Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 33, Au Sable Woods Number 3, according to the Plat thereof as recorded in Liber 3 of Plats, Page 9, Crawford County Records. The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest. If you are a tenant in the property, please contact our office as you may have certain rights. Dated: September 17, 2009 Orland Associates, P.C. Attorneys for Servicer P.O. Box 5041 Troy, MI 48007-5041 248-502-1400 File No. 617.0406 ASAP# 3258840 09/17/2009, 09/24/2009, 10/01/2009, 10/08/2009

NOTICE

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY. MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Craig L. Stewart, a single man, to CitiMortgage, Inc. successor by merger with CitiFinancial Mortgage Company, Inc., Mortgagee, dated April 30, 2008 and recorded May 7, 2008 in Liber 691, Page 548, Crawford County Records, Michigan. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Sixty-Three Thousand Three Hundred Nine and 40/100 Dollars (\$63,309.40) including interest at 12.08% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue at the front door of the County Building in Grayling in Crawford County, Michigan, at 10:00 a.m. on OCTOBER 21, 2009. Said premises are located in the City of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lots 1 and 2, Block 3, Roffee's Addition to the Village (Now City) of Grayling according to Plat thereof as recorded in Liber 345 of Plats, Page 387, Crawford County Records. Being the same fee simple property conveyed by deed from Craig L. Stewart, single and Cheryl L. Stewart to Craig L. Stewart,

dated 3/7/2008 recorded on 3/11/2008 in Liber 690, Page 547 in Crawford County Records, State of Michigan. Rerecording of Liber 690, Page 474. The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest. If you are a tenant in the property, please contact our office as you may have certain rights. Dated: September 17, 2009 Orland Associates, P.C. Attorneys for Servicer P.O. Box 5041 Troy, MI 48007-5041 248-502-1400 File No. 293.0597 ASAP# 3258224 09/17/2009, 09/24/2009, 10/01/2009, 10/08/2009

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY. ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest. MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Burton Canfield and Tina L. Canfield, husband and wife, original mortgagor(s), to Bank of America, N.A., Mortgagee, dated September 9, 1999, and recorded on September 20, 1999 in Liber 490 on Page 616, in Crawford County records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Fifty-Nine Thousand Six Hundred Sixty-Five And 20/100 Dollars (\$59,665.20), including interest at 7.875% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County, at 10:00 AM, on October 7, 2009. Said premises are situated in Township of Beaver Creek, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: The East 1/2 of the East 1/2 of the Northwest 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 3, Town 25 North, Range 4 West. The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. Dated: September 3, 2009 For more information, please call: FC G (248) 593-1310 Trott & Trott, P.C. Attorneys For Servicer 31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200 Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525 File #282173F01

STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF CRAWFORD NOTICE TO CREDITORS

CITY OF GRAYLING REGISTRATION NOTICE TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF GRAYLING

The office of the City Clerk will be open from 8:00 am to 4:30 pm each weekday for receiving applications for registration for the regular City Election to be held on

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2009
and from
8:00 am to 4:30 pm on
Monday, October 5, 2009
The Last Day to Register

In order to register, an elector must have the following qualifications as of the date of the election:

1. Be a citizen of the United States.
2. At least 18 years of age.
3. A resident of Michigan for at least 30 days.
4. A resident of the City by October 5, 2009.

Any question regarding your registration will be answered by Calling the Clerk's office at 348-2131.

Michele A. Moshier, City Clerk
City of Grayling
PO Box 549
1020 City Boulevard

Decedent's Estate

File No. 09-7627-DE
Estate of NELL JEAN MORROW, Date of birth: 9-27-1939.
NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, NELL JEAN MORROW, who lived at 95 W. Pioneer Rd., Roscommon, Michigan, died 8-21-2009.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to MARK R. MORROW, named personal representative or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at 200 W. Michigan Ave., Grayling, and the named/proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

9-15-09
Attorney
DAVID J. DREYER
P23247
195 W. MAIN, P.O. BOX 649
HARRISON, MI 48625
(989) 539-7134

Personal representative
MARK R. MORROW
7806 RYNN RD.
AVOCA, MI 48006
(810) 325-1524

STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF CRAWFORD NOTICE OF INFORMAL PROBATE

File No. 09-7627-DE
Estate of NELL JEAN MORROW.

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:*

INCLUDING SHERRY L. LORD, WHOSE ADDRESS AND WHEREABOUTS ARE UNKNOWN

The decedent who lived at 95 W. Pioneer Rd., Roscommon, Michigan, died 8-21-2009. An application for informal probate of decedent's will was filed by Mark R. Morrow, 7806 Rynn Rd., Avoca, MI 48006 on 9-09-2009 the Crawford County Probate Court, 200 W. Michigan Ave., Grayling, MI 49738.

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UNOFFICIAL SYNOPSIS OF CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING PROCEEDINGS Held on the 14th Day of September 2009

*Public Hearing was held to receive public comment on the CDBG ICE Grant for Ingham Street Connector and Infrastructure Improvements from 7:00 PM. - 7:06 PM.

Mayor Akers called the meeting to order at 7:06 PM with a quorum present.

Approval of the Agenda and

Consent Agenda.

The City Manager gave his report and updated the City Council on several different issues. Highlighted subjects were on the 4th Annual Government Forum, 2008 Water Fluoridation Quality Award, School Crossing Guard, Crawford County Road Commission road millage, the Nuisance and Zoning Ordinances, and filing fees in lieu of nominating petitions.

Discussion of the ORV Trail Ordinance and access

Approval of CDBG - ICE Authorizing Resolution

Review of Reports.

Mayor Akers adjourned the meeting at 8:27 PM.

Michele A. Moshier
City Clerk

Agendas can be found on our website: www.cityofgrayling.org

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ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Christopher L. Faille, a single person, original mortgagor(s), to Fifth Third Mortgage - MI, LLC, Mortgagee, dated February 15, 2002, and recorded on February 19, 2002 in Liber 570 on Page 353, in Crawford County records, Michigan, and assigned by said Mortgagee to FIFTH THIRD MORTGAGE COMPANY as assignee, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Fifty-One Thousand Two Hundred Ninety-Seven And 42/100 Dollars (\$51,297.42), including interest at 7.5% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County, at 10:00 AM, on October 7, 2009.

Said premises are situated in Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: All that part of the North 1/2 of the North 1/2 of the South 1/2 of the Southeast 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 22, Town 26 North, Range 2 West, lying East of the County Road, as now surveyed. Excepting 33 feet off the North side for road purposes.

LOVELLS TOWNSHIP PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The Lovells Township Planning Commission will hold a public hearing to consider a special use permit for home occupation. The hearing will be held at their regular meeting, Oct. 6, 2009, at 5 PM; Township Hall, 8405 Twin Bridge Road, Grayling, 49738.

Written comments will be received by the Township Clerk during regular business hours, Tues.-Thurs., 9 AM-3PM.

Cynthia Infante
Lovells Township Clerk
(989) 348-9215

LOVELLS TOWNSHIP HEARING NOTICE PROPOSED WIND ENERGY SYSTEMS ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT

The Lovells Township Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on the proposed wind energy systems zoning ordinance amendment. The hearing will be held at their regular meeting, Oct. 6, 2009, at 5 PM; Township Hall, 8405 Twin Bridge Road, Grayling, 49738.

Written comments will be received by the Township Clerk during regular business hours, Tues.-Thurs., 9 AM-3PM.

Cynthia Infante
Lovells Township Clerk
(989) 348-9215

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A LOOK AT OUR PAST FROM THE PAGES OF THE AVALANCHE



September 26, 1963 - Representing each of the key communities along the 240-mile AuSable River Valley Canoe race are: Miss Grayling, Penny Pettyjohn; Miss Mio, Darlene Owen; and Miss Oscoda, Cathy Rose. The young ladies will reign over the respective community activities that accompany the race.

23 Years Ago September 26, 1986

B. E. Henig, MD, of Grayling, is taking an active part in the 98th Annual Session of the Michigan State Medical Society in Grand Rapids this week. Doctor Henig will serve as secretary of the Section on Surgery.

Three new members of the Crawford County Chamber of Commerce were announced this week by manager Robert Hayes, including two Michigan National Guard officers. New members are: Club Thunderbird located on the AuSable River main stream east of

Grayling. Colonel William Merritt Peterson, commander of the Detroit Battle Group and a resident of Charlotte and Colonel Joseph W. Boardman of a Detroit Artillery Group.

The weather temperature on September 18th in Grayling registered a high of 80 degrees and a low of 65 degrees.

Father Bruno Schaten of Cheboygan is now in residence at St. Mary's Parish, having been appointed assistant to Father Joseph Sakowski early this month by Bishop Allen J. Babcock.

46 Years Ago September 26, 1963

Saturday afternoon, October 5th following the start of the AuSable River Valley Canoe Race, has been selected by the Crawford County Auto Dealers Association for their Fourth Annual showing of the new models. As in the past the cars will be displayed on Michigan Avenue between Peninsular and Cedar streets.

69 Years Ago September 26, 1940

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Joseph accompanied their daughter Mary Jane to East Lansing Sunday where she registered as a student for the school year at Mich. State College.

A huge truck, carrying a 15-ton power shovel, attempted to park on the side of the pavement in front of Connine grocery last Thursday night and broke through. The truck weighed 8 1/2 tons and the tractor and shovel 15 tons. That was too much for the shell-like side pavement. By unloading the tractor and shovel the truck could be moved. The outfit found a stopping place for the night at the dead-end pavement near the railroad tracks. The Grayling Sports-

man's Club held their annual meeting at the Grange Hall last Tuesday evening. Election of officers for the coming year were nominated as follows: Earl Madsen, president; A. Clough, vice-president; L. Galehouse, secretary; Robert Sorenson and R. McEvers directors-at-large.

The Grayling Woman's Club, together with the school board, entertained faculty of Grayling schools at a get-together and pot luck dinner which was held at Michelson Memorial church Wednesday.

92 Years Ago September 27, 1917

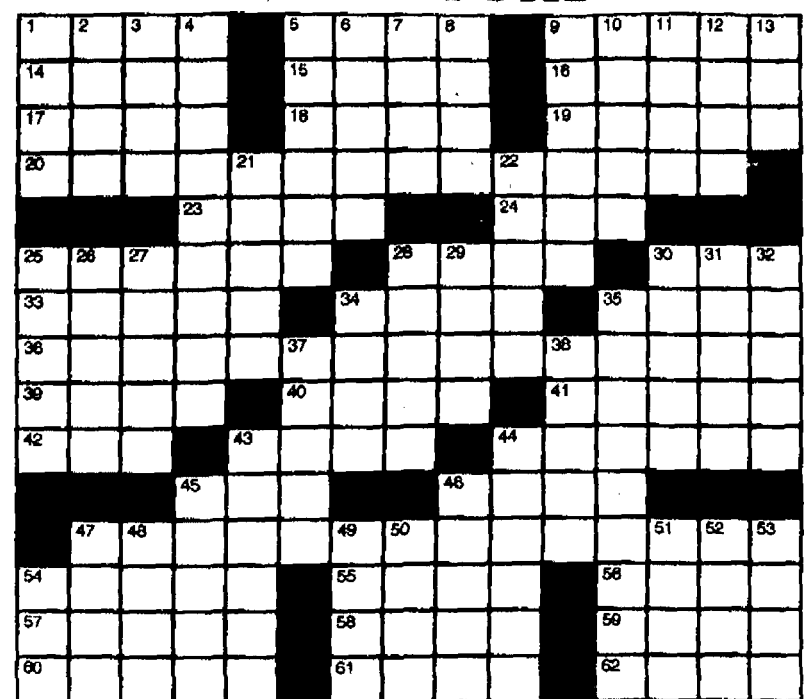
Old Glory is now waving over the classic city of Cheney, and their school is in full blast under the management of Miss Ruby Richardson.

Mrs. Olaf Michelson has been appointed chairman of the Liberty Loan committee of Crawford Co.

Meatless Tuesday and Wheatless Wednesday have been ordered by Food Director Hoover to begin Oct. 1 in Michigan.

Tuesday, L. J. Kraus purchased from the A. Kraus estate the hardware store of which he has been manager for several years past.

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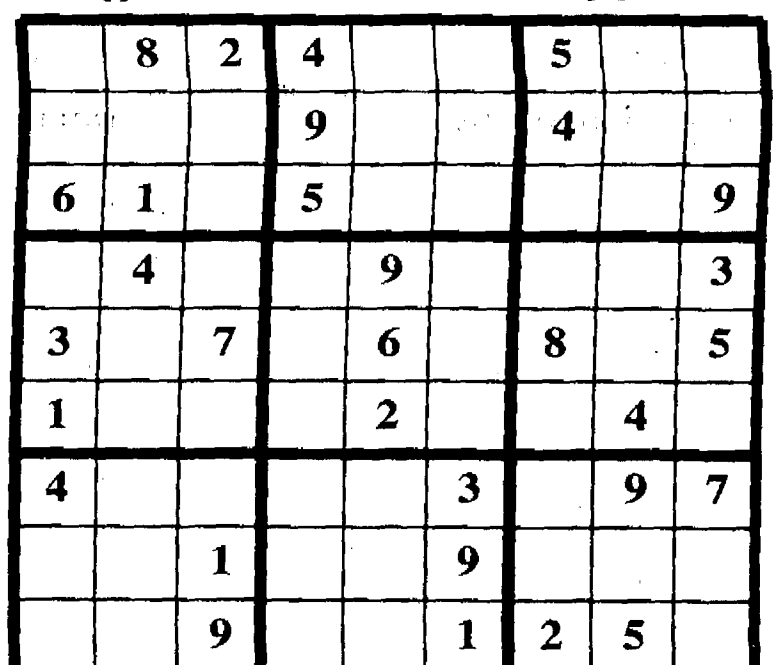
1. Think (over)
5. Kuwait, e.g.
9. Fountain locale
14. Sundae topper, perhaps
15. Children's
16. Autumn toiler
17. Awestruck
18. Feed bag contents
19. Disgrace
20. Golden agers
23. Clash
24. Jail, slangily
25. Formed by adding alcohol molecules to aldehyde molecules
28. à la mode
30. 40 winks
33. Animal with a snout
34. Continue
35. Deep sleep
36. Pertaining to magnetism produced by electric charge in motion
39. Brews
40. Surefooted goat
41. Bumper sticker word
42. More, in Madrid
43. Cut, maybe
44. Gets around
45. "Walking on Thin Ice" singer
46. Beasts of burden
47. Parking regulators
54. It's a snap
55. Head
56. Hip bones
57. Celebrate
58. Fingerboard ridge
59. Nonexistent
60. Correct, as text
61. Chooses, with "for"
62. "... or ..."

Down

2. Advocate
3. Boxer Spinks
4. Handling operations involving labor and materials
5. Ethically indifferent
6. Change, chemically
7. Voting "no"
8. Go to pieces
9. Fluoxetine hydrochloride
10. Burdened
11. Like, with "to"
12. Counterpart of Roman Jupiter
13. Branch
21. Eyeball benders
22. Cake topper
25. First-stringers
26. Arum lily
27. Fencing sword
28. Cleanser brand
29. Con
30. Eminent
31. Square of white linen worn by a Roman Catholic priest while saying Mass
32. Agreements
34. Home to some Mongolian nomads
35. Perennial herb with woody stock and bright yellow flowers
37. Free from
38. "Well, I ..."
43. Envelop
44. Elevates
45. Like Cheerios
46. Young hooter
47. Not us
48. Amble
49. Dala
50. Business firm whose articles of incorporation have been approved
51. Sixth month of the ecclesiastical year in the Jewish calendar
52. Lager! It's "The Wonderful Adventures of ..."
53. Ad headline
54. Grand ... ("Evangeline" setting)

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RULES: Fill all empty squares so that the numbers 1 to 9 appear once in each row, column and 3x3 box.



(PUZZLE #3 Easy, Difficulty Rating 0.42)
ANSWERS IN THE CLASSIFIEDS



HOROSCOPES

For the week of September 24, 2009



December 22-January 19

Can those second thoughts, Capricorn. You started the project, and you need to finish it. The benefits will be more than you know. A vacation opportunity opens up.



March 21-April 19

Money woes decrease substantially with a little tightening of the belt. Good work, Aries. Commitments begin cutting into your free time. Relax. Your popularity will wane.



June 22-July 22

Generosity compounds, and special needs are fulfilled. Peace settles in at home. Bring everyone together for a fine feast. Cancer. A package clears up a mystery.



September 23-October 22

An announcement rattles your cage, Libra. Think before you act. A lesson must be learned the hard way at home. Leave it be. A moody friend sends you a puzzling e-mail.



January 20-February 18

Get it together, Aquarius. A friend needs your help, not your tears. Start looking for answers. An idea at work won't mean a thing unless you push to implement it.



April 20-May 20

There is simply no holding you back this week, Taurus. Your energy levels go through the roof, and you check off all of those things on your to-do list in no time.



July 23-August 22

There is nothing more irritating than minced words, Leo. Don't be shy. Say what you mean and mean it. A relationship that was put on the back burner moves front and center.



October 23-November 21

Bark up the wrong tree, Scorpio, and you will pay for it dearly. A financial proposal is on the up and up but needs further clarification before you jump onboard.



February 19-March 20

A relationship hangs in the balance, Pisces. What to do, what to do? Think hard before throwing in the towel. It might just be worth saving.



May 21-June 21

Passion implodes, and special times fill your calendar. Rumors fly at work. Try not to get sucked in, Gemini. There is very little truth to what is being said.



August 23-September 22

Work issues cease, with a new addition. Time to pack, Virgo. The vacation of a lifetime awaits, and there is nothing to hold you back now.



November 22-December 21

Run, Sagittarius, run! You don't have time to cuddle others this week. Hide out, bear down and push through the project at hand. You can be a people person later.

FOR ENTERTAINMENT PURPOSES ONLY

ADOPT A PET

WE'RE OVERLOADED! The animal shelter is currently very full of animals in need of loving homes, just like yours. Help these very adoptable pets find homes, adopt today! Visit our website for more information.



MAC

Mac is a laid back and sweet cat. He is known around the shelter as "Big Mac" as he is a rather large and lazy guy. This cat would be a nice companion for an older person or a family looking for a very easy going pet. Mac has been neutered, vaccinated and feline leukemia tested negative.

Visit us at: www.ausablevalleyanimalshelter.org

AuSable Valley Animal Shelter

5786 Fairground Lane, Grayling

Use the entrance to the Crawford County Fairgrounds

Hours: Open 10 to 3 pm Monday through Saturday,

10 to 12 pm on Sundays and Holidays

After hour appointments available. Call (989) 348-4117

For more pets or more information, visit our website www.asc.petfinder.com

RECIPE OF THE WEEK



WHOLE SOME APPLE MUFFINS

Ingredients:

- 1 1/2 cup white whole wheat flour
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 1 tbsp. baking powder
- 1 tsp. cinnamon
- 2/3 cup apple juice

- 1/3 cup canola oil
- 1 egg
- 1 1/2 cup Michigan Apples, cored, peeled and finely chopped

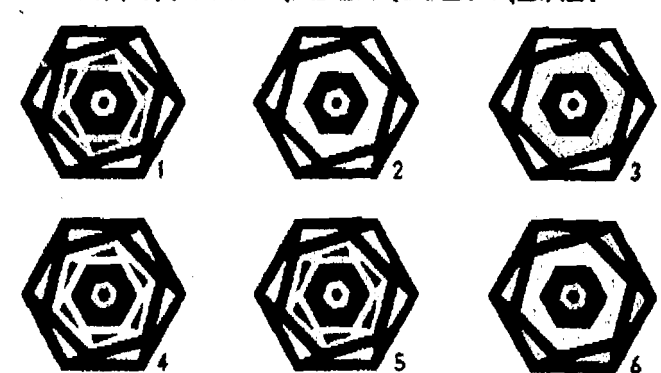
Directions: Topping: Mix together 1 tsp. sugar and 1 tsp. cinnamon in a small bowl; set aside. Heat oven to 375°. Spray muffin pan with vegetable cooking spray or line with baking cups. In a medium bowl, combine flour, sugar, baking powder and cinnamon; blend well. In a small bowl, combine apple juice, oil and egg; mix well. Add apple juice mixture to dry ingredients and stir until moistened. Fold in chopped apples. Fill muffin cups 2/3 full and sprinkle muffins with cinnamon sugar topping mixture; bake for 20 minutes or until golden brown. Cool 1 to 2 minutes before removing from pan.

Baking Time: 20 mins

Makes 12 muffins

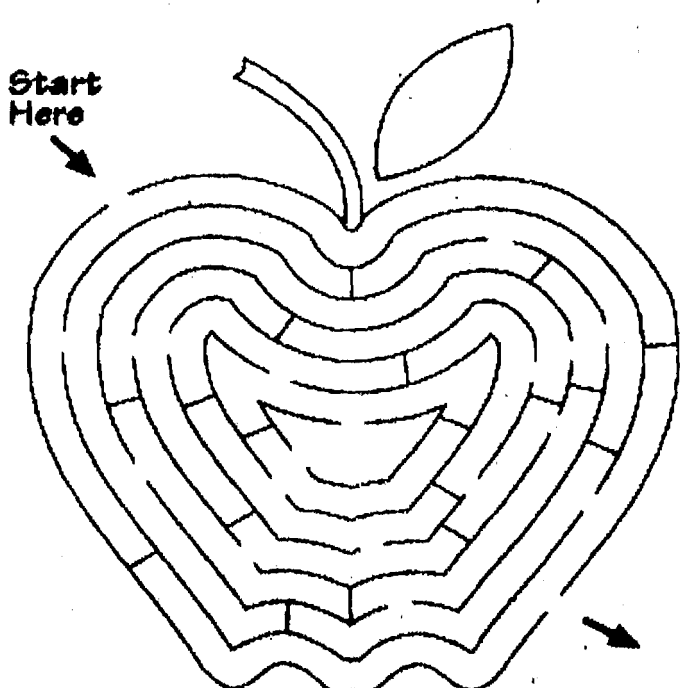
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1. Real Estate

2-3 BEDROOM home for sale. Price reduced in July. (586) 446-0004, (586) 713-7500. (6/22/06tf/1)

NEWER BUILT 2 BEDROOM 1 1/2 bath, 6" walls, 2 large decks. All electric. Very short walk to two river accesses. 5 miles east, \$89,900. 348-4840. (-17-24/1)

2. For Rent

TWO BEDROOM MOBILE on 1 1/2 acres with two car garage, washer/dryer and appliances, \$450, no pets. 348-2418. (-24-1-8-15/2)

2 BEDROOM HOME on Feldhauser Rd. between Gaylord and Grayling \$450 plus utilities, deposit and lease. 231-947-4178, 561-271-4653. (-24/2)

COMMERCIAL BUILDING FOR RENT Lots of parking, stand alone structure and good location. 989-348-8471. (1/15/09tf/2)

FOR RENT two bedroom apartment \$525 per month. To apply call 710-1194 or 370-2745. (-9/24/09tf/2)

1. Real Estate

2. For Rent

SENIOR APARTMENTS AVAILABLE at The Brook Retirement Communities. Offering Independent and Assisted Living. Lots of amenities, activities, beautiful surroundings and affordable living. Communities located in: Houghton Lake (989) 422-7200 Roscommon (989) 275-4000, West Branch (989) 343-1400, Gladwin (989) 426-8700. Call or stop by today for a personalized tour. (5/10/2007tf/2)

VIKING VILLAGE APARTMENTS are now taking applications for immediate availability. Very nice two bedroom, two bath apartments approximately one mile west of Grayling off M-72. Units in this quiet community include central air conditioning, attached garage, paved lighted streets and driveways, stove, refrigerator, dishwasher, washer and dryer. Lawn care, snow removal and garbage pickup included in annual lease. Contact Herb Olson, at 989-348-9456, for more information. (03/26/09tf/2)

1. Real Estate

2. For Rent

FOR RENT 2 bedroom apartment upstairs in downtown Grayling. Lease plus security deposit. 989-348-2833. (-10-17-24/2)

HOUSE FOR RENT 3 bedroom, 2 bathroom furnished home on the East Branch of the AuSable. 10 minutes from downtown Grayling, available Sept. 1, \$700 a month plus utilities. No smoking, no pets. Call 616-901-0771. (-6-13-20-27-3-10-17-24/2)

CABINS AT LOST ACRES \$375 with free utilities. 11010 N. Old 27, no pets. 1-877-227-6976 or call Mike at 231-590-3699. More details at www.qualityhomereals.net (Northern Michigan Units). (8/27/09tf/2)

FOR RENT 1 BEDROOM all utilities paid \$525 plus deposit. Call 348-2466. (-08/27/09tf/2)

FOR RENT 2 bedroom duplex includes all appliances, no pets, \$675 per month, plus utilities. First and security required. 2057 Barker Lake Rd. References required. 989-348-2621. (09/03/09tf/2)

2 BEDROOM plus Den in town. Energy efficient, new bathroom, fenced yard. \$600 plus utilities. 390-5661. (-24/2)

COZY, CLEAN 1 bedroom fully furnished home near Higgins Lake, available immediately, \$450 per month, call 231-218-5829. (-17-24-1/2)

BEAUTIFUL, CLEAN fully furnished 3 bedroom home, just steps away from Higgins Lake. Available immediately for \$625 per month. No pets, no smokers please. Call 231-218-8529. (-17-24-1/2)

2 BEDROOM HOME non-smoking, \$550 month, plus electric. 348-4840. (-17-24/2)

2. For Rent

FOR RENT VERY NICE 2 bedroom apartment located in town, \$700 per month. Includes heat, lights, water, snow removal, lawn care and trash pick-up. Laundry facility on the grounds. To apply call 710-1194 or 370-2745. (09/17/09tf/2)

3 BEDROOM, 1 BATH house in town, large garage. Lease, security deposit, \$600 a month plus utilities. 348-4443(-09/17/09tf/2)

HOUSE FOR RENT/SALE Maple Forest. Furnished 3 bedroom, 2 bath, with extras. Year lease with first and last security \$200, \$600 monthly. 989-344-0309. (-17-24/2)

3 BEDROOM HOME near Elementary School. Basement, double garage. \$650 month plus utilities. Call 989-348-8801. (-24/2)

FOR RENT VERY NICE one bedroom apartment on the river located at 126 Fulton Street. \$650 per month includes utilities. Call Northwood Rentals 989-344-8787. (-24-1-8/2)

FOR RENT ONE BEDROOM apartment in Roscommon, just remodeled \$425 per month plus deposit and utilities. Call Northwood Rentals 989-344-8787. (-24-1-8/2)

FOR RENT TWO BEDROOM apartment located at 911 Elm Street, \$425 per month plus deposit and utilities. Available first week in Oct. Call Northwood Rentals 989-344-8787. (-24-1-8/2)

FOR RENT 2 bedroom home with attached garage and enclosed porch. \$600 a month plus security deposit and utilities. Owner will pay water, sewer, and garbage pick-up. Call 989-390-0689. (-24-1/2)

FOR RENT one bedroom house in town \$450 per month plus utilities, no pets. 348-8479. (-24/2)

3. Employment

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MERCY HOME CARE MERCY HOSPICE

Full Time Occupational Therapist

Occupational Therapist to work in a team environment and make home visits needed. Excellent bonus potential for the right person! Candidate must have current license, reliable transportation, credentials and references. Minimum of one year experience in rehabilitation and chronic disabilities preferably in a clinic setting.

- Mileage Reimbursement
- Competitive Wages
- 403 B Pension Plan
- PTO

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 989-344-4402 Direct Line
 989-348-4380 FAX

Mercy Home Care is committed to the Mission and Values as set forth by Trinity Health. Mercy Home Care is committed to achieving workforce diversity and is an equal opportunity employer.

2. For Rent

2 BEDROOM, 1 BATH house, nonsmoking, no pets, water included. 8141 Finch Lane \$435 per month, plus deposit 941-650-7946 or 989-348-9116. (9/24/09tf/2)

3. Employment

PART TIME WRECKER DRIVERS for Houghton Lake and Grayling area. Must have chauffeur's license or CDL and good driving record. Apply at Phil's Towing, 6405 W. M-72. Experience preferred. (-24-1/3)

NOW INTERVIEWING hard working men & women for entry level customer service and general help. Call now for appointment 989-732-2175. (-24/3)

HIGH PAYING CAREERS for women/men in transportation. Contact Liberty Truck Driving School. Call toll free for information 1-888-602-5966, www.libertytruckdrivingschool.com. (-6-13-20-27-3-10-17-24-1/3)

PART TIME BARTENDER Nights a must, pick up application at American Legion Post 106, Grayling. (-17-24/3)

NOTICE OF OPEN POSITION Position: Substitute Custodians, Paraprofessionals, Secretaries and Cooks for the Crawford AuSable School District. Qualifications: High school diploma or GED. Apply to C.O.O.R. ISD, 11051 North Cut Rd, Roscommon, MI 48653, 989-275-9555. (-17-24/3)

4. Services Offered

GERTA'S DRAPERIES "Everything in Window Treatments." Free estimates and in-home appointments. Established in 1958. Call 989-732-3340 or visit our showroom at 2281 South Otsego Avenue, Gaylord. (3/26/09tf/4)

4. Services Offered

RTH HOME IMPROVEMENT all your interior and exterior needs. Garages, additions, drywall, painting, roofing, siding, decks, and more. Licensed and insured, free estimates. Rob Harrington 989-344-1383. (-9/16/04tf/4)

D. HAWES / Driver's Training: Northern Driving School will be offering classes year-round in Grayling and surrounding areas. The only local driving school in Crawford and Roscommon counties. Segment I \$275, Segment II \$40. 989-344-2470. (05/22/08tf/4)

PROFESSIONAL HEMMING jeans, dresses, slacks, etc. Custom bedding, weddings. 989-344-2444. (-10-24/4)

ROOFING, ROOFING, ROOFING All shingle, new construction, tear-offs, residential, commercial, emergency work welcome. Licensed and insured. 20 years experience. Free estimates. 989-348-5817, 989-390-1526. (LR 10/08/09/4)

LIFE PROBLEMS getting you down? Call GRACE Center, 989-348-2544. (3/19/09tf/4)

APPLIANCE AND FURNACE PARTS All major brands. Most parts in stock. Appliance Parts 6840 M-72 West, Grayling, across from the Ole Barn. 989-348-5971. Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday, 8 a.m. to noon. (-3-10-17-24-4)

DAY CARE OPENINGS full time and part time and after school. Lots of fun, activities, learning and TLC. Meals provided and licensed. Please call Renee Brown at 344-0099. (-17-24-1-8/4)

HAVE TRACTOR and dump truck - will travel. Need some dirt moved around or junk hauled away? Need your driveway repaired or graded? Give me a call. 989-370-1919. (-27-3-10-17-24/4)

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MERCY HOME CARE MERCY HOSPICE

Physical Therapist Full Time

Candidate will have a current license, credential, references, reliable transportation and be willing to travel in our geographic region. Minimum of one year experience in rehabilitation and chronic disabilities preferably in a clinic setting. Excellent bonus for the right candidate!

- Competitive Wages
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Special Financing Available, Any Credit, Any Income

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Visit www.roselandco.com/85M
 Drive by then call (866) 249-0680.

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www.remax-grayling-mi.com
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 Grayling
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2. For Rent

WHISPERING PINES APARTMENTS
 Whispering Pines Apartments is currently accepting applications for 1-and 2-bedroom apartments. We are accepting applications for Seniors 62 years of age and older and Handicap/Disabled persons, regardless of age. Income-based rent is available. Apartments feature walk-in closets, air conditioning and open living areas. Rent includes heat, domestic hot water and more. For more information, or to tour the property, please call (989)344-0020.
 Equal Housing Opportunity. TDD 1-800-649-3777.

Grayling Pines Apartments

Grayling Pines Apartments is currently accepting applications for 1-and 2-bedroom apartments. Income-based rent is available. Apartments feature walk-in closets, air conditioning and open living areas and private patios/balconies. Rent includes heat, domestic hot water and more. For more information, or to tour the property, please call (989)344-0020.
 Equal Housing Opportunity. TDD 1-800-649-3777.

Cobble Creek II Apartments

offered in Crawford County by Gardner Management
 Newly renovated inside and out. One and Two Bedroom Units Available
 Heat, Water/Sewer, Landscaping, Snowplowing and Trash Removal included with Rent
 • Barrier Free Units Available
 • Laundry Facilities
 • Rent Based on Income
 NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS
 989-362-4971
 TDD 1-800-760-1997 or pick up application at property
 140 Knight St., Grayling
 Income Restrictions Apply

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4. Services Offered

ANY JOB WORTH DOING is worth doing right. Balmes Home Maintenance and Repair offers a full range of home repair, remodeling and maintenance, roofing, siding, windows, drywall, power washing, painting, kitchen and bath. The list goes on. We also offer new construction and additions. We have competitive prices and there is no job too big, small or scary. Licensed and insured. Call Jerry at 989-370-1919. (-27-3-10-17-24/4)

FALL CLEAN UP lawn care, mowing, raking, hauling, or whatever you need. 989-745-4498 or 989-348-2330. (-17-24/4)

APPLIANCE REPAIR - For the best service on all major brand appliances call Hometown Heating and Cooling, Grayling at 989-348-4252. (-09/17/09tf/4)

MOMMY & ME DANCE CLASS 1 1/2 - 3 1/2 year olds, starting at CRAF Center. Youth classes also available visit www.danceattitudestudio.com or call 989-390-5661. (-24/4)

5. For Sale

2003 24 FT. TRAVEL trailer, sleeps 5, loaded, like new \$7,000. 989-344-0699. (-24-1/5)

STAINLESS FRONT side by side with ice and water. Some nice smaller refrigerators. Call Paul 348-0167. (-24-1/5)

DRY OAK FIREWOOD \$45 per cord, seasoned oak \$40 per cord. Credit card accepted. Full loggers cords \$80 per cord. Buying standing timber. Marty's firewood 989-390-3930. (-24-1/5)

CABIN LOGS rough sawn lumber, kiln dried lumber, tongue & groove, log siding, custom sawing. T. Warren Sawmill. 989-619-0840. (LR09/24/09/5)

APPLIANCE SERVICE you will tell your friends, about call Paul 348-0167. I also have good used appliances (-17-24/5)

FIREWOOD Premium oak, split, delivered. Free 1/2 cord with first 2 cord purchase. Call Chris at 989-390-5102 or 989-348-0112 (-17-24/5)

FIREWOOD OAK cut 16" split and delivered \$60 a cord. Also, wanted hardwood for firewood process. 30 plus years experience. Call Jerry at 348-7046. (-3-10-17-24/5)

A Central Boiler OUT-DOOR WOOD FURNACE gives you an independent and self sufficient lifestyle. Free heat for your home and hot water. Call 348-7484 today. (-3-10-17-24 -1-8-17-24-31)

SUN QUEST PRO 16SE tanning bed, in good shape \$500, also king size wicker headboard and mattress with six drawers dresser and two bedside table, wall mirror and full length mirror \$500. Phone 348-6318 for more info. (-24/5)

1 YEAR OLD dry oak firewood \$60 per face cord, 5 - 10 cord minimum. 989-529-8765. (-24-1-8-15-22-29/5)

5. For Sale

KENMORE 20 GALLON electric water heater, like new \$75, aluminum frame storm windows with screens 6 at 23" x 42" and 1 at 26" x 42" all 7/ \$60. 6 wood frame storm windows 22" x 41", 6 /\$40, 32" glass window, wood frame storm door \$15. 989-821-7152. (-24-1-8/5)

FOR SALE PUMPKINS, gourds corn stalks and straw. Neilson Farms, Fletcher Road 989-275-5219. (-24/5)

AMMO SALE 223 FMJ SS Gr. new \$30 per box, 223 FMJ SS Gr. reload \$25 per box, 40 S & W FMJ \$22 per box, 38 spl FMJ \$20 per box, 38 spl, LRN \$20 per box, AR-15 24" barrel \$1,500 each, AR-15 16" barrel \$1,500 each, AR-15 14" barrel \$1,500 each, Henry Big Boy brass rec. 357 mag \$650, Jimenez 380 ACP 6 shot \$150. All guns and ammo are new. 989-348-4614, 989-370-5151 cell. (-24-1/5)

AMANA 23.5 cubic ft side by side with auto ice maker and water dispenser. Like new \$225, 390-5536. (-24/5)

MILLER ENERGY EFFICIENCY house furnace \$250. 18 hp mower with snow blower \$200. 390-7188. (-24/5)

FOR SALE 2004 REFRIGERATOR \$100, 2004 gas stove \$150, washer don't know what year \$40. 348-3956. (-24-1/5)

WESTERN SNOWPLOW 7 1/2 foot pro-plow, 1 owner, good condition. Turf bar fits 88-97 Chevy truck \$1,500. 517-204-3085, 989-390-3546. (-24/5)

6. Wanted

WOW Don will pay up to \$300 for junk vehicles, up to \$500 commercial. 231-587-0856 or 888-468-7313. (4/2/09tf/6)

4. Services Offered

6. Wanted

PAYING CASH for good used 100# propane cylinders. No junk please. Must be in decent shape. Please call 800-292-9295 or 348-7647. (4/16/09tf/6)

BUYING SCRAP METAL All grades. SMR 989-275-6041. (10/16/08tf/6)

WANTED Junk vehicles, will haul, Paying cash. Call Gene at Wakeley's Auto Parts, 989-348-5079. (LR10/8/09/6)

8. Announcements

MIP and anger management programs. GRACE Center, Grayling. 989-348-2544. (10/11/07tf/8)

COMMUNITY CALENDAR Place your organization's events on Crawford County's Community Calendar. Go to crawford-countyavalanche.com, under services, to submit your event. For more information, call our office at 989-348-6811. (-3/19/09tf/8)

FICK & SONS SEPTEMBER STIMULUS Propane stimulus prices for the month of September will be available at our Grayling, West Branch, Mikado and Houghton Lake offices, as well as Charlie's Country Corner. 20 lb. - \$14 each or 2 for \$22, 30 lb. - \$20 each or 2 for \$36 and 100 lb. - \$60 or 2 for \$100. New customer special - Now until September 30 all new customers get a free Marathon gasoline card. Current customer lock in prices still available. We do not charge fuel surcharges, hazmat fees or administration fees. Call for details 800-292-9295 or 348-7647 and as always, we thank you for your business. (-3-10-17-24/8)

STORAGE UNITS AVAILABLE call Ron at 989-348-6761. (7/4/09tf/8)

4. Services Offered

8. Announcements

FREE KID'S CLUB Every Tuesday 7 - 8 pm. starting Oct. 6, Grayling Evangelical Free Church. For more information and registration call 989-600-1293 or e-mail pastordave@graylingfreechurch.org. (-10-17-24/8)

FOREST OF FEAR Stephan Bridge Rd, 1/2 mile north of M-72 east, Grayling. Last 4 weeks in October, dark to 11. \$5 per person, call 989-390-6241. All proceeds will be donated to a local charity. (-10-17-24-1-8/8)

SWISS STEAK DINNER Michelson Methodist Church, Thurs. Sept. 24, 4:30 - 6:30 pm. Adults \$8, takeouts available. (-17-24/8)

SPENCER ESTATE AUCTION! Sept. 26, 10 a.m. Perry Creek & M-33 Mio. Furniture, organ, cookware, china, glass, costume jewelry, sewing related, household, wood carvings, shop, tools, snowblower, mowers, coins & more! View Online or call. LETS TALK AUCTION! (989) 848-5158, www.LetsTalkAuction.com. (-24/8)

BIG CRAFT SHOW Oct. 3, 10 to 4, Grayling Primary and Elementary Schools. Info 348-7966. (-24/8)

FICK & SONS PROPANE SERVICE Great prices on residential propane. Check out our cylinder prices too! (-24-1-8/8)

HOUGHTON LAKE GUN & KNIFE show Saturday, Oct. 3, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Houghton Lake Playhouse, 1701 W. Houghton Lake Dr. (M-55), 989-686-6535. (-24/8)

9. Personals

LORDY, LORDY Look who's 40! Happy Birthday Dawn. Love, Ken and kids. (-24/9)

8. Announcements

10. Garage Sales

3 FAMILY GARAGE SALE Something for everyone. All clothing 50¢, lots of small sizes for teens/brand names, electronics, houseware. Everything must go. 837 Little John, M - 72 E, 3 miles follow big white arrow signs. (-24/10)

GARAGE SALE Something for everyone. Abercrombie, A&E, Lei, Gap, Nike, Sketchers, CK, Tommy, Old Navy, Carters, Oshkosh, too many to name. Women's, men's, baby. All sizes. Teen items next to new, some never worn. Jeans, coats, pants, tees, hoodies, dresses, swim wear, sweaters, tank tops. Tons of shoes and work boots. Big baby items, toys, crib sheets, playpen, swings, walkers, bouncers. DVD's, Nintendo DS, X-Box items, printer, 20¢ and 50¢ bins. JL audio, Pioneer, Sony car system sets, Burton, K2, Vans snowboard sets, kitchen items and much, much more. Please come help us, everything must go due to medical trip for baby's recent medical problems. Everything is or best offer. Also Rednose Pit bull puppies on display. Meet both parents. Friendly family dogs. Sat. - Sun., 10 - 6, 207 Crestwood Dr., follow signs on North Down River Rd. (-24/10)

GARAGE SALE and a lot of free items. Will be open from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., Sept. 15 to Oct. 4, 6937 Hartwick Pine Rd. (-17-24/10)

FALL FESTIVAL Antique and Barn Sale at Waters Edge, 11794 Old 27, 1.4 miles south of Waters. Half off many items. Antiques, art, lodge, primitives and lots of baked goodies. Saturday, Sept. 26, 9 to 3. (-24/10)

10. Garage Sales

GARAGE SALE Saturday, Sept. 26 - 1 day only, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. His, Hers and Ours. Cliff Wheeler and Margaret Richie are tying the knot and we're selling lots of good stuff. TV's, DVD's, chainsaw, tools, kids stuff, hunting stuff, dishes, pots and pans, silverware, Christmas ornaments, quality clothing and much, much more. 6885 Trempal. Take Ole Dam Rd to left on Nottingham, right on Robinhood to left on Shumac to Trempal, 3rd house on left, follow signs. (-24/10)

GARAGE SALE LAST TIME Sept. 24 & 25, 10 - 6. 72 W. McIntyre Landing, follow signs. (-24/10)

11. Automotive

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Bids will be opened at the regular meeting of the Township Board, Tues., Oct. 13, 2009. The Township Board reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to award the bid to other than low bidders, and, in general, to make the award in any manner deemed by it to be in the best interest of Lovells Township.

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HATHA YOGA I

Class Starts: October 1
Length of Class: 8 weeks
Day of Class: Thursday
Time: 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.
Place: AuSable Primary - Gross Motor Skills Room
Cost: \$40.00
Instructor: Priscilla Whiteford

Through the principles of breath awareness and deep muscle stretching, strengthening and relaxation, you'll discover tools for greater physical, mental and spiritual well-being. Bring a blanket and mat, and wear loose clothing.

HATHA YOGA II

Class Starts: October 1
Length of Class: Continuing
Day of Class: Thursday
Time: 5:30 pm - 7:00 pm
Place: AuSable Primary-Gross Motor Skills Room
Cost: \$40.00
Instructor: Priscilla Whiteford

This is a continuation of Hatha Yoga I. Bring a blanket and mat, and wear loose clothing. Priscilla Whiteford has taught yoga since 1974 at Washtenaw Community College in Ann Arbor and presently teaches at Northwestern Michigan College in Traverse City. Priscilla has trained with BKS Iyengar in India and the United States, and is certified by him.

MICROSOFT OFFICE

Class Starts: September 28
Length of Class: 8 weeks
Day of Class: Monday
Time: 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.
Place: Grayling Middle School - Computer Lab
Cost: \$80.00 (Includes books)
Instructor: Nancy Hatfield

This eight-week course is for those individuals who want to explore and use Microsoft Office: MS Word, Excel and/or PowerPoint. Sharpen up your computer skills for your resume for a new job. Learn new tips to make you more efficient in your current job. The instructor will tailor the class around the needs of the students.

DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHY

Class Starts: September 30
Length of Class: 8 weeks
Day of Class: Wednesday
Time: 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.
Place: Grayling Middle School - Computer Lab
Cost: \$80.00 (Includes book)
Instructor: Nancy Hatfield

Bring your digital camera-any brand or type ("point and shoot" or SLR) and the instructor will show you how to take better pictures. You don't need to buy an expensive camera to have great results. Learn how to find the digital camera that is right for you when you shop for a new camera. We will show you how to freeze action when taking digital pictures instead of taking blurry photos, and how to take pictures in dim light without a flash. Learn how to use all the program settings on your camera. Also, learn how to transfer your digital images to your computer, store images, how to use computer software to manipulate your images to get rid of "red eye," punch up the interest in your photos, crop your photos and learn ways you can share your photos with others.

KARATE

Class Starts: September 14
Ages: 5 and up
Length of Class: Ongoing
Day of Class: Monday & Friday
Time: 5:00 - 6:00 pm
Place: AuSable Primary - Gross Motor Skills Room
Cost: \$30.00 per month for one class per week or \$40.00 for two classes per week
Instructor: Mike Wiles

This class is conducted in a fun, friendly yet disciplined environment. The primary study at Wolf Pack Karate centers on teaching transferable life skills such as; enhancing self esteem, increasing the student's ability to focus, developing patience, making positive life choices and instilling the values of respect, discipline and good citizenship. Another benefit of Wolf Pack Karate involves physical development of gross and fine motor skills, coordination, agility, and self defense skills.

TAI CHI

Class Starts: October 5
Length of Class: 8 Weeks
Day of Class: Monday
Time: 6:30 - 7:30 pm
Place: Grayling High School-Choir Room
Cost: \$40.00
Instructor: Ruth Pilon

This eight-week course will teach the beginning student the first 12 of 24 movements from the Arthritis Foundation exercise program, Tai Chi for Arthritis. All movements are gentle and safe for arthritic joints and can improve flexibility, balance, muscular strength and fitness. Although designed for persons with arthritis, this program offers a basic foundation of Tai Chi movements for anyone who is interested in learning about Tai Chi. Tai Chi is fun, can be easy to learn and improves your health and quality of life. This class is sponsored by the Arthritis Foundation, Michigan Chapter.

FIRST AID & CPR

Class Starts: November 23 and 24
Length of Class: 3 hrs
Day of Class: Monday and Tuesday
Time: 6:00 - 9:00 pm
Place: Grayling High School - Media Center
Cost: \$55.00

Includes CPR and Foreign Airway Obstruction for Adult/Child/Infant and First Aid. Course teaches how to handle illness and injuries until professional help arrives. This course is perfect for people who work with children at daycares, schools, restaurants, churches, or have a general interest in helping others in a medical emergency. For additional information call 390-9670 or 390-1100.

Basic Life Support (BLS) Healthcare Provider

Class Starts: January 15
Length of Class: 4 hrs
Day of Class: Wednesday
Time: 6:00 pm - 10:00 pm
Place: Grayling High School - Media Center
Cost: \$55.00

Teaches CPR for all ages, including ventilation with a barrier device, a bag-mask device, use of an automated external defibrillator (AED) and relief of foreign-body airway obstruction. This class is for those that provide health care to patients in the hospital setting and out of the hospital setting. This class is intended for certified, licensed, or non-licensed healthcare professionals. For additional information call 390-9670 or 390-1100.

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November 18, 2009 @ 5:00 p.m.
December 16, 2009 @ 5:30 p.m.

All testing will take place at Grayling High School. Please call Paul Brunell at 348-6137 for further information.

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

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Bowling Leagues

Recreation League

Woody Girls 8 - 0
American Legion 7 - 1
GMH-NCC 5 - 3
Robin Smith CPA 4 - 4
Grayling Nursing ... 4 - 4
Ball Buster's 4 - 4
Days Inn 0 - 8
Glen's Market 0 - 8
High Series: S. Johnson, 589; P. Younglove, 487; P. D'Amour, 482. High Game: S. Johnson, 207; P. Younglove, 186; A. D'Amour, 181.

Senior League

Spike's 7 - 1
Flowers By Josie ... 5 - 3
Dana Transport 5 - 3
Gaylord Electric ... 4 - 4
Legion Lanes 4 - 4
Lone Pine 3 - 5
Sylvester's Sports ... 3 - 5
Bear's Den Pizza ... 1 - 7
High Series Women: H. Stairs, 494; C. Clark, 485; J. Williamson, 448. High Game Women: C. Clark, 189; H. Stairs, 181; J.

Williamson, 166. High Series Men: K. Harris, 581; B. Hollis, 535; L. Crampton, 509. High Game Men: B. Hollis, 237; K. Harris, 223; L. Crampton, 185.

Thursday Morning Coffee

Bowling Buds 7 - 1
Snow Tops 6 - 2
Ladybugs 5 - 3
Fearless 4 - 4
Casino Bums 3 - 5
Wanna Bees 3 - 5
Thanks "A Latte" ... 3 - 5
Bill's Harem 1 - 7

High Series Women: H. Stairs, 502; C. Clark, 479; I. Cosgray, 445. High Game Women: H. Stairs, 203; C. Clark, 170; P. Kennedy, 168. High Series Men: H. Blake, 566; J. Harris, 540; B. Holton, 485. High Game Men: H. Blake, 212; J. Harris, 203; S. Stanley, 187.

Friday Mixed Doubles

American Legion ... 10 - 4
McDonald's 9 - 5

Hill Top 9 - 5
Don Nester 7 - 7
L & L Hauling 7 - 7
Northern Lawn 5 - 9
Double Trouble 5 - 9
League of Their Own 4 - 10
High Series Women: S. Johnson, 542; M. Cole, 497; P. Younglove, 479. High Game Women: S. Johnson, 224; P. Younglove, 190; A. Stanley, 188. High Series Men: J. Lehman, 676; D. Wallace, 643; G. Mastroeni, 602. High Game Men: J. Lehman, 258, D. Wallace, 224; D. Burger, 221.

American Men's League

Thayers Crew 12 - 2
Louies 9 - 5
Fenton's Auto 7 - 7
McLean's Ace 7 - 7
Joels Team 5 - 9
Moore's Auto 2 - 12
High Series: J. Thayer, 608; L. Domcik, 606; P. Benardo Sr., 605. High Game: L. Domcik, 224; C. Kucharek, 223; P. Benardo Sr., 223.

Grayling Redskins Football

JV Team

The Grayling Redskins junior varsity (7th grade) squad posted a 6-6 tie at Cheboygan on Aug. 29.

"It was a rain soaked field with mud puddles all over the field so we couldn't use our speed like we had hoped for," Coach Scott Nicholas said.

Grayling scored on a half-back pass from Scout Tobin to Danny Schultz. Cheboygan scored on a QB scramble with 38 seconds left in the game.

"We had an excellent defensive game and controlled the entire game.

They scored their only points on a broken play," Coach Nicholas said. "Our kids played a great game in spite of the horrible weather."

On Saturday, Sept. 12, the team traveled to Indian River to face the Ogemaw Browns.

The Redskins jumped out to an early lead with a touchdown run by Emmett Helsel and scored the one-point conversion on a pass from Schultz to Gunner Metzger.

"After that initial score, it all fell apart. Our kids were outmanned and outnum-

bered. It wasn't the same team that we have coached for the last four years out there. The desire seemed to be absent after Ogemaw scored their first touchdown," Coach Nicholas said.

Ogemaw won 14-7.

"The kids have battled through a lot of injuries so far this year. Hopefully all of our players will be healthy and ready to go soon. A lot of them are playing positions that they are not used to playing, but are doing a fantastic job of learning on the fly," Coach Nicholas said.

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